

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat addresses the Palestinian National Council in Gaza last night before the historic vote. (AP)

# Two wounded by Katyusha fire as Peres visits Kiryat Shmona

TWO Katyusha rockets exploded in Kiryat. Shmona yesterday while Prime Minister Shi-mon Peres was visiting there, as fighting continued at the end of the second week of Operation Grapes of Wrath. ...

Two people were lightly hurt in the attack. which occurred while Peres was meeting residents in a bomb shelter in the town to mark. Independence Day and did not hear the

The two were treated for light injuries and shock at the Magen David Adom emergency ward in the town after a rocket exploded not far from their vehicle, which they were using to deliver groceries to residents in the shelters.

More than 40 Katyusha rockets were fired from Lebanon yesterday, most falling on open land or inside the security zone without causing any casualties or serious damage. At least one of the Katyushas was armed with both explosives and a phosphorus warhead designed to cause burns, according to IDF experts. The device exploded on open ground in the Upper

Galilee without causing any casualties.
On Tuesday, Hizbullah fined around 50 rockets from Lebanon, although less than half crossed the border. Some fell in Western Galilee and others in Upper Galilee and the Panhandle, including Kiryat Shmona, as well as the DAVID RUDGE

security zone. Two people were treated for light injuries and shock and some damage was caused to buildings in Kiryat Shmona and the Western Galilee area.

The same day, three Lebanese civilians were wounded in the the security zone's eastern sector when a roadside bomb was detonated alongsame time at SLA troops in the Jezzine enclave

The IDF responded to the attacks yesterday and Tuesday with waves of raids by warplanes and helicopter gunships on Hizbuliah targets and Katyusha rocket launching sites north of

Reports from Lebanon said the IAF carried out nearly 40 separate attacks on targets in the south of the country yesterday alone, especially around Jibsheet, Majdal Salim, south of Tyre, and other areas from where rockets were fired. The reports said IDF gunners fired nearly 500 artillery rounds at Hizbullah targets north of

Hizbullah announced yesterday that three of its gunmen had been killed in action on Monday. It said all three were from Majdal Zoun village, although the statement did not say

where they were killed. According to Lebanese media reports this brought to eight the number of acknowledged Hizbullah terrorists killed during the course of the two-week operation. The actual numbers, however, are believed to be at least six times higher.

During the same period, around 200 Lebanese civilians have reportedly been killed -almost half of them in the accidental IDF shellof UNIFIL's Fijian battalion headquarters in Kana village last Thursday. The IDF is continuing inquiries into the incident.

The IDF reiterated its warnings to UNIFIL that Hizbullah gunmen are firing from close to UN posts. UNIFIL complained to the IDF about two bombs falling close to an UN armored personnel carrier east of Tyre yesterday. causing extensive damage but no casualties.

In a separate incident, a Katyusha rocket narrowly missed UNIFIL's headquarters in Tyre on Tuesday and fell into the sea

Peres, during his visit to the North yesterday, called on residents to remain composed and patient until the aims of Operation Grapes of Wrath are achieved.

Meanwhile, opposition leader Likud MK Binyamin Netanyahu visited Nahariya and parts of Western Galilee yesterday.

# PNC votes to amend Palestinian Covenant

THE Palestinian National Council voted last night to amend the PLO Covenant by 504 votes to 54, with 14 abstentions, after a short but not painless debate.

The majority was greater than predicted a few days ago and was attributed to the insistence by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat that the PNC had no alternative but to annul anti-Israel articles.

Arafat insisted that talks with Israel would lead to a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and therefore refusal to change the articles made no sense, whatever difficulties Palestinians were facing at the mo-

"All revolutions end in agreements. Do you think you can get everything you want?" he said in an angry exchange Tuesday with Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi. who headed the pre-Oslo dele-gation in Washington talks and is now Arafat's most serious opponent. Abdel-Shafi left the hall and voted against Arafat's pro-

posal yesterday.

The council, with an official membership of 669, needed to amend the covenant by a twothirds majority, or 446 votes. The actual result represented 75 percent of the members.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres expressed satisfaction with the PNC move, but said. "Look at the difficulties and sacrifices we had to endure to get to this change." He said that while he welcomed the move, there were still people among the Palestinians who want to and are capable of "murdering the peace.

Connecting the PNC move with the current situation in Lebanon, Peres, speaking at a holiday gathering for ministers. foreign ambassadors, and other public officials at his Tel Aviv office, said: "I am sure that just as we are currently straightening out our relations with the Palestinians, we will do the same with the Lebanese. Israel is not the enemy of the Palestinians and Lebanese, but rather the [Islam-Jihad, Hamas and

The United States hailed the

vote, saying it would work to keep the peace process on track. We've looked forward to this development." State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said at a briefing while the council was voting. We believe that the charter should be amended, and of course it must be amended from Israel's standpoint if that track of the peace process between Israel and the

PLO is to be completed." The vote did not actually change the covenant, but gave authority to a PNC legal committee to do so or to draw up a completely new charter within six mouths. The PNC is expected to replace anti-Israel articles with a demand for a Palestinian state next to Israel.

"The charter now is not valid anymore." said Salim Zaanoun, who was elected on Tuesday as the speaker of the PNC. He had been acting speaker.

Chief Oslo negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), who will head final status negotiations, said "the legal committee will meet tonight or tomorrow to start preparing the new charter to be presented the [PLO] central council." The central council consists of some 100 members of the PNC.

Exactly which of the 33 articles will be changed has been left to the legal committee and could fall short of Israel's expectations. Ten are clearly opposed to Israel's existence, but several others are anti-Israel by implication although they do not explicitly call for its destruction.

Last night's vote was made on a proposal to amend the charter in line with decisions and agreements made from the Algiers PNC meeting in 1988 to Oslo 2 last year. In 1988, the PNC called for Israel's withdrawal to 1967 borders and declared an independent Palestinian state.

Before Arafat's proposal was voted on vesterday, three other ideas for proposals were circulated. One by Abdel-Shafi wanted to make any amendment of the charter conditional on Israeli concessions. Another supported by Mohammed Abu Abbas, the Achille Lauro hijacker and head of the Palestine Liberation

Front, proposed replacing the charter with the 1988 Declaration of Independence. The fourth, led by Abdul-Rahim Mallouh and Leila Khaled of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who boycotted the session, rejected any

Khaled, a former airplane hijacker who was shocked by the scale of Arafat's victory, said afterwards, "Arafat signed his" peace agreement with Israel and forced himself on the PNC."

A poll taken among 1,255 Palestinians on February 1 by a Palestinian polling agency indicated that only 15% supported amending the covenant without conditions, while 32% supported amendment with conditions and 26% opposed any change.

The remainder had no opinion. Polls by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center on such issues as support for Arafat in the elections have generally been accurate.

The size of the vote is a personal triumph for Arafat, who only a few weeks ago was considered by many to be short of a two-thirds majority. It also matched his timetable of a three-day session from April 22-24, which most observers considered too short.

In reaction to the vote, Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu said, "The government of Israel must make sure that the new covenant the Palestinians adopt will officially recognize Zionism and the right of the State of Israel to exist.

The Third Way said the move proved that when Israel stands firm on its vital interests it helps promote the peace process. The party called on the government not to give in on vital issues with Syria, Lebanon or the Palestinian Authority.

The PLO's move earned plaudits from Peace Now. The organization issued a statement saying it congratulates "the Palestinian people, the Palestinian Authority and Yasser Arafat for canceling the clauses in its covenant. This move will lead to a new era in relations between Israel and the Palestinian

Liat Collins, Sarah Honig and Itim contributed to this report.

#### 'Teheran should not be ignored in Lebanon'

STEVE RODAN

IRAN stands ready to belp end the fighting in south Lebanon but has been rebuffed by both the US and Israel, an Iranian source who lives in the West told The Jerusalem Post last night.

The source, who is regarded as close to President Hashemi Rafsanjani, said Iran had regarded the battle between Hizbullah and Israel as an opportunity to prove to the US its ability to restrain its Shi ite client and win political points with Washington.

But the Clinton administration, the source said, has dismissed

the prospects of Iranian-US talks and instead has focused its efforts on convincing Syria to achieve a cease-fire in south Lebanon. "This decision is not correct," the Iranian source said. "[Syrian President Hafez] Assad is not as powerful as he is perceived by the Americans. He is much more vulnerable to Iranian pressure than is

commonly thought." The source said Iran uses Hizbullah to extend its influence in the Arab world but has no lasting commitment to the group. The Iranian supply of Hizbullah, the source said, is meant to remind Washington of Teheran's importance in achieving Arab-

Israeli military sources say Iran continues to send Katyusha rockets and other equipment to Hizbullah. The equipment is flown to Damascus from Iran and then sent by trucks to the Bekaa

#### US politician demands Israel arrest Abu Abbas

**EVELYN GORDON** 

NEW YORK Assemblyman Dov Hikind petitioned the High Court of Justice on Tuesday to demand that Israel arrest wanted terrorist Mohammed Abu Abbas and either try him or hold him for extradition.

Abu Abbas is now in Gaza for the meeting of the Palestine National Council, but is slated to leave as soon as the council ses-

He is wanted for masterminding the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro, during which Leon Klinghoffer, a wheelchairbound American Jew, was murdered. He was arrested by Italy at the time of the hijacking, but escaped to Yugoslavia, and Yugoslavia refused the US's request to extradite him. Italy therefore convicted him of murder in absentia, and the US posted a \$250,000 award for any

In his petition, Hikind asks that Israel arrest Abu Abbas and try him for murder. To emphasize the public in-

terest in arresting Abbas, the petition cited Prime Minister Shimon Peres. "An innocent person was

killed by an organized group of killers because he has a Jewishsounding name," Peres said shortly after the hijacking. "It is unforgettable and unpardonable, and we shall remember

Alternatively, the petition asks that Abu Abbas be arrested and held under the extradition

"Israel has a moral obligation to either prosecute Abbas or surrender him to another nation so that he may be brought to justice," Hikind said in a press

# Clinton signs bill aimed at dealing 'mighty blow' to terror

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

FIVE days after the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing. President Clinton yesterday signed into

mighty blow" against terrorism. The fight against terrorism will be one of the US's "top security priorities" and the legislation "is a strong step forward for our security," he said.

law a bill that he said "strikes a

The bill provides \$1 billion in the fight against terrorism, bans fund-raising in the US by terrorists, allows the government to deport aliens who are members of such groups and limits appeals by death row inmates convicted of terrorist

It was passed last Thursday with bipartisan support following lengthy negotiations in Congress over provisions deemed a threat to civil

"This is a good day because our police officers are now going to be better prepared to stop terrorists, our prosecutors better prepared to punish them. our people being better protected from their designs," Clinton said on the South Lawn of the White House.

"This legislation is more important today because of the very forces which have unlocked so much potential for progress: the new technologies, the instant communications, the open borders. These things have done so much good but they have also made it easier for the organized forces of hatred and division to endanger the lives of innocent people.'

With Congressional leaders and law enforcement officials looking on, Clinton said Americans are "in debt" to victims' families for pushing for the bill and attending its signing despite

the pain of losing loved ones. "It took a lot of courage to be willing to endure that pain [again], so while this is a good day for America, you can't real-

ly say it is a happy day." he said. The president twice referred to Israel when he mentioned the recent bus bombings in Jerusalem and the parents of Americans killed in those attacks.

He also said that "countless Americans wept" for New Yorker Leon Klinghoffer who was killed by Palestiman terrorists during the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro.

# **Efforts** to obtain cease-fire continue

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher continued his shuttle diplomacy over the Independence Day boliday in an attempt to broker a cease-fire between Israel and Hizbullah. After meeting with Prime Minis-

ter Shimon Peres in Jerusalem on Tuesday, Christopher left for Damascus. However, upon arriving in Syria, Christopher was told that Syrian President Hafez Assad was 'busy with other meetings" and could not meet with him. Christopher then returned to Israel, and met again with Peres and senior officials.

Yesterday, Christopher again traveled to Damasous and returned to Israel after talks with the leaders of Syria and Lebanon, a US official said. Christopher also tnet Lebanon's Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in eastern Lebanon, after spending 📡 almost five hours with Assad.

"Although difficult problems remain, we are drawing closer to-gether and some of the gaps have been narrowed," Christopher said after talks with Hariri and Lebanese parliament Speaker Nabih

Sources in Jerusalem said the sides were still working out details on the question of what kind of group would monitor Hizbullah's military activities in the civilian population centers in south Lebanon. Apparently, the idea of the Lebanese Army assuming this role

has been dropped. It has been agreed that a monitoring body would include representatives of Israel, Syria, the US, and perhaps Lebanon, which will coordinate ways to act in the event of a violation of the new under-

standings. Clinton hopeful, Page 2

### Holiday cheerfulness defies adversity of COMMENT

Israel's 48th Independence Day showed a reading of optimism and good cheer that seems to

defy history, if not reality.
Only five months ago, in the aftermath of the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, the country appeared divided by a deep, dark and unbridgeable chasm. Two months ago, a series of suicide bombings appeared to open a new and unstoppable reign of terror. Last week a promising military operation against Hizbullah turned horridly sour with a single misplaced artillery bombardment. Yet the mood-o-meter, despite several smart smacks to check whether the gauge is stuck, per-sisted in reflecting a sense of

bnoyancy. The navy and air force, booked for Lebanon this year, failed to show up for their annual display along the coast. But the public on the Tel Aviv beachfront found ready solace in beach chairs and in the proliferating cafes where. coffee is modishly served in cups the size of soup turcens. Inland, **ABRAHAM RABINOVICH** 

information leading to his

picnickers lazed about in family tableaus, seemingly unaware they are in the Middle East, not Minneapolis or Middlesex. One factor in the sense of quiet

contentment is the secular liturgy Israel has devised over the years to celebrate itself - events redolent with meaning and good taste. The transition ceremony on Mount Herzi between Memorial Day and Independence Day, in particular, succeeds in projecting a sense of purpose and unity with both military flair and the au-

thentic voice of those in the front line of nation building. Likewise, the people we see interviewed on television during these two days, particularly the bereaved, project a dignity and depth that is simply

Another soothing factor is the current political scene. While the divide opened up by the assassination is indeed deep and dark and probably unbridgeable, it is not down the center, as it has become clear, but along a narrow edge. If the Left is now accusing the Right of having stolen its peace slogan and if the main campaign issue shaping up is Peace with Strength or Strength with Peace, we are not talking about a The most important factor in

which it wants to go.

sharing a broad political consen-

the nation's upbeat mood, however, is the nation itself - a reservoir of energies and communal will with few parallels. Stiffened by tragedy and buoyed by purpose, it has been performing its high-wire act for close to half a century - absorbing immigrants, battling enemies, kvetching, building, remembering always where it has come from, sharing a vague sense of the direction in

vengeance on its enemies.

divided nation but of a nation

On its beach chairs and picnic blankets yesterday. Israel took

NEWS

"ISRAEL has the military might to bring about a military victory and the diplomatic strength to achieve a diplomatic victory," Prime Minister Shimon Peres told the who's who of Israel's security forces, who gathered vesterday morning at Beit Hanassi to celebrate the boliday.

The leaders of the country's various security arms, past and present, hosted by President Ezer Weizman and joined by three former presidents - Chaim Herzog, Yitzhak Navon, and Ephraim Katzir - met old acquaintances and exchanged memories of over 50 years of wars and military

Meanwhile, on the lawns of the presidential residence, 120 outstanding women and men serving in the IDF gathered to receive citations from the president as their proud parents rushed

around with videocameras. Later, the group took a formal picture with Weizman and the mili-

The chief of staff and his deputy and almost all the top generals, with the notable exception of the OC Northern Command, appeared to be present. The fighting in Lebanon was clearly uppermost on everyone's mind and cast a certain pall over the festivities.

"We have known harder and more complicated times in the past half century," Weizman told

Praising the peace agreements reached with Egypt and Jordan, Weizman said: "Right now it seems impossible to achieve [a similar peace with Syria] because of the obduracy of a nation to the

opinion between us but I hope that one day we will be able to say how wonderful it is that we have just returned from a visit to

He also called on the nation to follow the example of excellency set by the 120 outstanding

Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said the 120 "had contributed far and above the call of duty.... They have excelled over a long period, and not in order to be given awards." This excellency sets the standards of a society and a nation."

He sent warm wishes from the IDF to the citizens residing near the confrontation line, particularly those in Kiryat Shmona.

A young paratroop officer, Gidi Moses, replied on behalf of the soldiers, saying that their

har of Petah Tikva, who attends Midreshet

Noam in Pardess Hanna, won this year's

International Bible Quiz yesterday, scor-

Yohai Even-Haim, 17, of Netivot fin-

ished second, a year after his brother

Elyada did the same. Shlomi Ben-Admon.

15, of Beersheba was third, while Yonatan

Yehuda Hanles, 15, of the Yeshiva Uni-

Kievel, 17, of Jerusalem was fourth.

ing the full 99 points possible in the quiz.



One of the youngest new immigrants celebrates his first Independence Day yesterday. Seven families from Argentina arrived yesterday as part of a Jewish Agency program to settle Latin American immigrants in the Negev.

# Petah Tikva youth winner of Bible Quiz

diplomatic corps

Full turnout of

THE diplomatic corps - including the ambassadors of Egypt and Jordan - turned out in force yesterday to join in the annual Independence Day reception hosted by President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma, at Beit Hanassi.

"These are uneasy times. It is strange to be celebrating Independence day while there is fight-ing in the North," Weizman told the ambassadors, military attaches and clergymen who filled the reception hall after the festivity was moved indoors because of

"I think you'll join with me, the prime minister and foreign minister in praying that it won't take a long time until we reach a cease-fire and quiet and peace return to the Galilee, Lebanon, and the State of Israel," he added. He noted that the presence of so many diplomatic representatives was indicative of world support for Israel.



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#### **FATHER**

May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem



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The funeral took place on Tuesday, 23 April, 1996. Shiva at the deceased's home, Bialik 3, Beit Hakerem, Jerusalem. Her Husband: Dr. Shaui Paoio Colbi her brother: Menahem El-Roy

her daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres flew back to join the celebration after a visit to Kiryat Shmona, where he came under Katyusha

This year's award winners included former Supreme Court justice Meir Shamgar, Prof. Marcel Jacques Dubois, Prof. Shlomo Avineri, Prof. Yehuda Ratzaby, Prof. Chone Shmeruk, Prof. Shimon Sandbank, Prof. Ilan Chet. Prof. Moshe Piamenta, Prof. Yehezkel Stein, Prof. Moshe Barasch, Prof. Meir Sternberg, playwright Nissim Aloni, dancer and

ra for this year.

tries participated in the event.

fifth. He and Aharon Katz, 15, of Mexico

A total of 41 youngsters from 22 coun-

Among those attending were Prime

Minister Shimon Peres, Religious Affairs

Minister Shimon Shetreet - who won the

quiz 36 yeas ago - Education Minister Am-

non Rubinstein, Knesset Speaker Shevah

were named the winners from the Diaspo-

victim and persecuted."

She spoke in favor of a constitution in Israel and increasing awareness of protecting human rights. "No constitution, as good as it may be, will be effective without outstanding people who lead us and act among us," she

Peres said, "the Bible is the Jewish peo-

Weiss, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud

ple's identity card, and the source of its faith, moral values, and ties to Zion. The Jewish people were unsurpassed in creating spiritual assets. The Bible represents the pride and the uniqueness of the Jewish

This year's subject was Jerusalem 3000, along with work and trade in the Bible. In an additional question was added to the quiz about tolerance and the unity of the people in the Bible.

Shahar, who will enter a header veshiva after he finishes school and wants to be an accountant, said after winning the contest "I prepared for the quiz for a year. The questions were quite hard. Before the results were announced, I figured I'd finish in

### Israel Prizes awarded at end of celebrations

THE Israel Prizes were awarded to 14 recipients last night at a festive ceremony in Jerusalem at the conclusion of Independence

choreographer Moshe Efrati, and

set designer Arye Navon. Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni said that "only people with anachronistic ways of thinking still frighten us with fears from the past, still point to crazed acts of terror as a mortal danger and still play on the feeling of being a

# Jerusalem high school mourns its fallen

TWO Beit Himuch pupils solemnly read out name after name of pupils and graduates killed in action or in terrorist attacks since 1948, at the start of the Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday at the Jerusalem high school.

They read 75 names in all, with seriousness and emotion befitting the occasion. But they could hold back their emotions no longer and began to cry as they came to the eight who were killed in the last year, including six in the two bus No. 18 suicide bomb attacks.

"Each year we gather for this ceremony, only to hope that next year it will be different," Mayor Ehud Olmert told the large crowd of pupils and families of BILL HUTMAN

the fallen. "Each year we come together with the bereaved families. There are no words that can express our feelings.

This day returns us to the reality of life in this country, to the sorrow, but also to the hope. The fallen were fighting for the right to live in peace, to live in peace at home with their families. That is what we are fighting for, and which we will continue to fight for until it is achieved," Obnert said.

"Once the battles were far away, along the borders or beyoud. But now our children fall in the cities, on buses, near their schools," the mayor said. What

he did not say, but was understood by all, was that among those he was referring to were the six killed in the suicide bombings.

"We will never forget you," said one of the pupils who took the stage as part of the musical performances and short reading that made up the ceremony.

At the start of the ceremony the flag was lowered to half-mast and a memorial torch was lit by a pupil. Nearby sat the friends and families of the fallen.

The winds of peace are only starting to be felt in our region, principal-Giden Shahar said. "To our somow, so many of our pupils had to fall at the beginning of the

### Gov't may recognize Palestinian property claims

FOREIGN Ministry legal adviser Yoel Singer has stated the government will discuss Palestinian property claims in Israel, particularly in west Jerusalem, where Palestinians have been gathering data in recent months to back up claims to land abandoned in

Singer, in a recent letter to attorney Avigdor Feldman, said the issue of Palestinian property claims, as well as Jewish claims on property left behind when they fled from Arab lands, would be decided in trilateral talks between the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, and Israel.

Singer was replying to a request by Feldman for a clarification concerning the Jordanian-Israeli peace accord. Feldman is representing several Palestinians living in Jordan who abandoned property in west Jerusalem during the War of Independence.

"Our position is that in the framework of the Israeli-Jordanian peace accord the Israeli government did not take on any responsibility to solve the problem of refugee property, or to retroactively cancel the Abandoned Properties Law," Singer wrote.

Under the Abandoned Properties Law, many homes, businesses, and undeveloped tracts in west Jerusalem abandoned by Palestinians because of the war became state property, and some were put up for sale. Palestinians

out did not find any other bombs.

25 injured by stray fireworks

want the property returned or compensation for it.

Feldman said he is considering a court appeal on the matter, on the grounds that the Abandoned Properties Law is based on the definition of Jordan as an "enemy country," a status that should have been changed with the signing of the peace agreement.

Palestinian groups claim to have documented over 2,000 west Jerusalem properties abandoned by Palestinians during the war. Attorney Khader Shkirat, head of the Jerusalem-based Land and Water Authority, recently returned from Amman, where he began coordinating efforts with the Jordanian authorities and Palestinians there.

Singer said in the letter that Jordan raised the issue of abandoned property in Jerusalem during the peace talks, but was persuaded to postpone discussing it.

"During the talks, our representatives reiterated the point that for Israel there exists the problem of Jewish properties in Arab lands left behind by Jews who left their homes because of the War of Independence, and these claims counter the possible Palestinian claims," Singer said.

"In light of this, the Israeli representatives argued during the talks that there is no possibility to discuss only part of the issue, but only the issue in its entirety," he

# Clinton: Lebanon fighting has gone on too long

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton said yesterday he has received some encouraging news from the region and is hopeful a cease-fire is quite close," but that no announcement is imminent.

"We support whatever can be done to end the violence as soon as possible, and that's what Secretary Christopher is working on in the Middle East today," Clinton told reporters at the beginning of an Oval Office meeting with Lebanese President Elias

"I think every thinking, feeling person knows that this has gone on way too long and it needs to stop."
The US will provide emergen-

cy aid to Beirut in light of the damage Lebanon has suffered, Clinton said. "We don't believe there should

be any foreign troops in Lebanon. The Lebanese people have been subjected to all kinds of problems - frankly because of the influence of outside forces in the "But our position has been

consistent, that we think the only way to reestablish Lebanese sovereignty is to have a comprehensive resolution of the problems in the region.

### Labor drops clauses on Golan, Palestinian state

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Labor Party's convention is to meet today in Tel Aviv to approve the party's platform, which omits clauses on the security importance of the Golan Heights and the negation of a Palestinian state that were in the 1992

The platform for the 14th mit the permanent settlement with the Palestinians and Syria to a referendum, after the government achieves the best agreements possible.

The party's platform committee, headed by Justice Minister David Liba'i, decided not to include the section formulated on Jerusalem - a proposal to set up independent municipal boroughs in Jerusalem which would be subject to the united city's municipality.

Liba'i said he rejected that section to prevent interpretations that the borough plan is a preparation to divide Jerusalem. He noted the platform emphasizes that Jerusalem will remain united and under Israeli sovereignty.

The platform will include a

number of proposals made by Knesset includes a clause to sub- Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet, head of the social platform committee, despite the opposition of Finance Minister Avraham Shohat. The Treasury said Sherreet's proposals involve huge expenses which the government can not af-

ford, and it would be irresponsible to include them in the Shefreet said if Labor were to reject these recommendations, it

might lose significant support

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them to Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem to be treated for smoke inhalation. All but two were released yesterday.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Bomb explodes in eastern Jerusalem

A small bomb exploded yesterday morning in east Jerusalem,

slightly damaging a car parked nearby. Police said they believe

the bomb, which had been planted near the Interior Ministry's

Population Administration Bureau, was meant to disrupt

Independence Day celebrations. Police searched the vicinity

Twenty-five people were slightly injured on Tuesday night

when fireworks landed on the roof of a concessions truck parked near the amphitheater in Beit Shemesh. Magen David

Adom workers cared for them at the scene and then sent 14 of

"I'd like to see Lebanon conipletely sovereign and free and independent. And if Lebanon were completely sovereign, free and independent, none of this would have happened," he said.

Clinton said he did not know whether Syrian President Hafez Assad had snubbed Warren Christopher when he decided not to meet with the secretary of state

strike by Russian forces was con-

firmed yesterday, throwing a ques-

tion mark over the independence

struggle and prospects for peace.

field commander, announced Du-

dayev's death on rebel television

and said Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev.

regarded as a hardliner, had been

elected by the rebel military coun-

Yandarbiyev vowed to keep

Analysts were divided on

whether Dudayev's death will help

President Boris Yeltsin achieve a

peaceful settlement ~ which would

help his re-election in Russia's

June 16 poll - or steel his followers

to fight on, perhaps launching re-

venge attacks.
The 52-year-old former Soviet

air force general was buried yester-

day in an unspecified village in

southern Chechnya. The funeral

was attended by Yandarbiyev,

Dudayev, whose defiance had

rallied the rebels and heaped hu-

miliations on Moscow for 16

months, was hit by a Russian rock-

et in a field near the village of

Gekhi-Chu. about 30 km south-

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Shamil Basayev, a top rebel

# Report: America supreme now but China may challenge

LONDON (AP) - The United States has again become the key player on the world stage but it may face competition from China for global influence in the next century, a leading think tank said yesterday.

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Two years ago, the International Institute for Strategic Studies complained that the United States and the West were suffering from "strategic arthritis." But in its Strategic Survey 1995-96, the institute said American has started acting like a superpower, though a reluctant one.

It appliesded the Clinton administration for helping to "put out fires" in Bosnia, the Middle East, Northem Ireland and Asia with diplomatic and military

In the two most crucial instances, Washington put troops in Bosnia which provided an "intimidating presence" on the ground and sent two aircraft carrier battle groups close to Taiwan to monitor threatening Chinese maneuvers in "a classic show of gunboat diplomacy," said institute director John Chipman. "Putting out fires, however, is a long-term procedure," said the research institute, which is indepen-

dent and privately financed. "The fire fighter must remain long enough to ensure that the embers have stopped smoldering or the fire rekindles. This has already proved the case in Northern Ireland and the Middle East, and it threat-

ens to happen in Bosnia, East Asia and perhaps even Haiti as well," it said. Terrorism also poses a serious challenge to achiev-

ing peace in the Middle East and Northern Ireland, the institute said, and the best hope to combat it is for people who desire peace to expose terrorists living in

United States to retreat from world affairs, particularly among Republicans, could put US global leadership in danger.

"It is an open question whether the United States, with its cost-cutting and unilateralist Congress, fickle public opinion and forthcoming presidential elections, will be able to provide the steady leadership and enduring commitment that the world clearly still re-

Chipman said Russia, China and many regionally strong nations also sought "to play and assert important roles" in the past year.

"China bolds the key to regional stability in Asia, and may become a peer competitor with the United States for global influence in the next century," the institute's survey said.

"Determined military reform coupled with sustained investment over at least two decades could conceivably transform China into a formidable military power, certainly regionally, if not globally," it

The transition to democracy in Russia suffered setbacks this year, with communists gaining on reformers in parliament and the invasion of Chechnya complicating moves toward democracy, the institute The outcome of Russia's presidential elections in

June "will be important for the West and even more important for the stability and pace of economic reform in Russia," Chipman said. "There have been many errors made by the current regime and the country will remain a mess for a very

long time, in a very long transition," he said.

MOSCOW (Reuter) - The killing west of the capital Grozny, accordof Chechen separatist leader ing to reports. Dzhokhar Dudayev in a rocket

Mystery had surrounding his death, initially denied by some rebel officials.

The appointment of Yandarbiyev, 44, a literary scholar who had been vice-president of the selfproclaimed Republic of Ichkeria. might make peace as elusive as ever, analysts said.

But if chief-of-staff Aslan Maskhadov, who has been involved in direct talks with the Russian military and is seen as a moderate. comes to the fore, this would help the chances of a negotiated settle-

ment, analysts said. More than 30,000 people including Chechen civilians and many Russian and rebel fighters have died in 16 months of fighting.

#### Gorbachev attacked during campaign

Dead Chechen leader Dudayev buried

MOSCOW (AP) - A drunken man attacked former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev yesterday during a campaign trip in Omsk. Siberia, police said.

Gorbachev's office in Moscow had initially said an attempt had been made on Gorbachev's life.

But police in Omsk said a 29-year-old unemployed man slapped Gorbachev in the face as he was walking into a hall to give a speech. Bodyguards grabbed the man and handed him to police, said police spokesman Anatoly Logvinenko.

Gorbachev, 65, appeared shaken by the incident. He canceled the speech and left immediately for the airport, Logvinenko said. He said the man had been discharged from the army for psychologi-

During the attack, the man blamed Gorbachev for the fact that he lost his job as a result of Gorbachev's reforms, Logvinenko said. He said the man did not belong to any political group.

Before the incident, Gorbachev visited a residential area and chatted with voters in the street.

A visit to Omsk was a part of Siberian campaign trip in advance of the June presidential election.

With polls giving him less than 1 percent of the vote, Gorbachev is considered a long-shot in the hotly contested race.

The neatly-dressed, moustachioed Dudayev was a natural leader and skilled soldier, a symbol uniting different shades of commitment to independence.

According to an Interior Ministry source. Dudayey was killed in retribution for an ambush last week in which Chechen fighters were reported to have killed up to 90 Russian servicemen.

The Russian commander in Chechnya, General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, said Russian forces were not involved in the death. "Federal forces had nothing to do with the death of Dzhokhar Dndayev," he told Tass.

But the source said Russian forces had conducted rocket and bomb strikes on several rebel bases, one outside the village of Gekhi-Chu, where Dudayev died.

The highly placed Interior Ministry source said: "Dzhokhar Dudayev was a victim of an act of retaliation for destroying convoy of the Moscow military district."

The source said up to 200 rebel fighters had been killed in air raids aimed at destroying six or seven Dudayev bases.

Dudavev, who had long evaded death and capture, was making a satellite telephone call about mediation in the crisis when he was killed by a rocket.

# South Africa's truth commission faces court challenges

CAPE TOWN (Reuter) - Two South African judges considering separate challenges to the "truth commission" on human rights abuses from those for and against white rule yesterday asked them

to seek out-of-court agreements. Families of three renowned activists slain by state police including black activist Steve Biko earlier launched action in the Cape Supreme Court to stop the commission granting amnesty, saying this violated their human rights.

On the other side of the old apartheid divide, two former security policemen also turned to the courts to stop a mother of an anti-apartheid activist from implicating them in his murder.

Court Judge President Gerald Friedman, hearing the first case,

asked lawyers for the families of Biko, slain in 1977, lawyer Griffiths Mxenge, killed in 1981, and ANC activist Fabian Ribeiro, killed in 1986, to try to reach a private settlement with the truth commission's lawyers.

Late yesterday afternoon lawyer Modise Khoza, acting for the families, said the hearing had been postponed to today with the understanding that no amnesties would be granted until the matter was settled or decided by court.

Judge Edwin King, hearing a request by ex-policemen Major General Nicolaas van Rensburg and Brigadier Jan du Preez to stop testimony by Joyce Mtimkhulu, who intends to implicate them in her son Siphiwe's 1982 death, also asked for an agreement.

# Jackie Onassis's life

set of baskets.

Sotheby's four-day auction is for hundreds of objects - including furniture, china, books and artwork - from the estate of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

mates. A walnut cigar humidor given to John F. Kennedy by entertainer Milton Berle was expected to sell for \$2,000 to \$2,500. It sold for \$574,500.

horse each fetched \$85,000.

was \$200. A decorated plant-holder from Jackie's White House dressing room sold for \$12,650; the presale price was

A metal plate with a decorative border engraved with the initials "ILBK," valued at \$50 to \$100, was the subject of frenzied bidding and finally went for \$25,300. And tiny Chinese porcelain dishes, valued at \$100 to \$150 each, went for \$6,900 apiece. Before the sale, many fans of modest income had expressed the hope that the china would remain within their means.

"The sale started and it just took off by itself," said auction-eer Diana Brooks, Sotheby's president and chief executive

The total so far was \$4.5 million; Sotheby's conservative estimate had been \$516,000 to \$718,000. The prices include Sotheby's commission, which is 15 percent of the first \$50,000 and 10 percent of anything above that

# in blockbuster auction

NEW YORK (AP) - They're \$9,200. The presale estimate selling the estate of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis piece by piece, and the prices are sky-high: nearly \$50,000 for a tape measure, half a million for a bumidor, and, yesterday, a \$9,200

The crowd gasped as prices soared, most items selling for well over their presale esti-

An oak rocking chair JFK used in the White House fetched \$442,500. John Jr.'s high chair and Caroline Kennedy's rocking

Yesterday's sale continued with spectacular prices for mundane items. A set of wicker baskets - like those in any decent housewares store - went for

#### **Queen Elizabeth scores** victory over British media

tory over the British press on Wednesday when a media watchdog upheld her first-ever complaint, over a claim she was Britain's wealthiest person.

The Press Complaints Commission (PCC) said the maga-zine BusinessAge had failed to check its facts and presented speculation about the queen's fortune as established fact.

In its September 1995 edition. the magazine estimated the queen was worth £2.2 billion pounds and put her at the top of its list of Britain's 500 richest

It widened a previous esti-mate of £158 million to include palaces, the monarch's art collection and jewels, excluding the crown jewels held in the Tower of London.

Other experts believe these are held in trust for the nation and cannot be sold for personal

BusinessAge on Wednesday stood by its valuation and called on the queen to be more open

about her wealth. Buckingham Palace lodged a complaint with the commission

LONDON (Reuter) - Queen in November after the maga-Elizabeth scored a notable vic-zine, with a circulation of zine, with a circulation of around 60,000, declined to apologize for what the palace called an inaccurate and misleading report.

Buckingham Palace said it welcomed the adjudication, while media experts said the verdict might rule out future estimates of her wealth. In 1993 the queen agreed to pay income tax for the first time but details of her wealth and its sources remain private.

"The PCC's adjudication is marginal and peripheral as to the entire issue of the valuation of the queen's wealth. The PCC has not criticised our valuation it has criticised certain aspects of its presentation," editor Peter Kirwan said.

Another survey by the Sunday Times this month estimated the queen was worth £450 million, ranking 26th in Britain's wealth

The queen, who turned 70 at the weekend without ceremonial festivity, has ordered cutbacks in the royal lifestyle as the monar-chy slips in public esteem and the palace has shown more sensitivity to increasing press criticism.



#### Fields' star may have died for wife's locket

NEW YORK (AP) - Killing Fields actor Dr. Haing S. Ngor may have been killed for a gold chain and locket rather than his politics, the Daily News reported. Police originally discounted

robbery as a motive in Ngor's Feb. 25 slaying in Los Angeles because his wallet, stuffed with \$3,000 in cash, was untouched. But sources told the Daily News

that a member of a gang called the Oriental Lazyboys apparently overlooked the cash and shot Ngor when he refused to turn over the chain and locket.

Ngor cherished the locket because it contained a picture of his wife, who died in the slaughter carried out in the 1970s by Cambodia's Khmer Rouge.

A Los Angeles police spokesman. Officer Eduardo Fuenes, would not confirm or deny the report, saying only the investigation into Ngor's murder continued.

Meanwhile, homicide detectives met with Los Angeles County prosecutors yesterday, but no charges were filed.

"We had some preliminary dis-cussions with police and that's it," said District Attorney spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons. "The investigation is continuing. We are not going to comment on an ongoing investigation."

Ngor, 55, won the 1984 Oscar for best supporting actor for his portrayal of photographer Dith Pran in The Killing Fields ofNgor's homeland.

Ngor had speut time in Cambodia after winning his Oscar, delivering humanitarian aid and building health clinics. In Los Angeles, Cambodian community leaders had speculated that Ngor was assassinated for political reasons or because of a soured

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A file photo of doomsday cult leader Shoko Asahara who went on trial in Tokyo yesterday for masterminding last year's nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway. If found guilty, Asahara could be sentenced to death by hanging.

# Japan terror guru refuses to answer charges

TOKYO (AP) - To the quiet sobs of a widow and a roll call of the nearly 4,000 victims, cult leader Shoko Asahara stayed silent yesterday, refusing to answer charges that he masterminded the subway gassing in Tokyo.

At the opening session of his long-awaited trial, in an austere and windowless courtroom, the long-haired guru rebuffed judges' attempts to ask him even simple questions.

"I abandoned that name," Asahara responded when asked

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to confirm the name he was given at birth, Chizuo Matsumoto. He said he couldn't remember his address. And asked to make his plea to murder charges, he told the

judge: "I won't speak." 41-year-old Asahara, whose disciples once drank his bathwater to show their devotion, did make one brief mumbled statement near the end of

"I pity those who do not know the truth," he said softly, echoing the language of recruitment

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pitches for his cult, Aum Shinri Kyo. "I have no concern about things like lack of freedom, and

Under Japanese law, the proceedings will continue despite Asahara's refusal to make a plea. He will have another chance later.

Much of yesterday's opening session was taken up with a dramatic gesture meant to underscore the cost in individual suffering of the subway attack: a solemn reading of a list of 3,789 people killed or sickened in the subway attack.

It took six hours, including breaks for lunch and an inter-

In the gallery, the widow of a victim cried as the slow recitation of names, beginning with those of the dead, echoed through the courtroom. Michiko Hishinuma's husband, subway stationmaster Tsuneo Hishinuma, died removing a poison parcel from a subway

Twelve people died and more than 5,500 were injured when sarin nerve gas spread through cars in central Tokyo at the height of morning rush hour on

having to do with rules of evidence, Asahara is charged with 11 deaths and more than 3,700

The attack shattered a cherished sense of safety in Japan, where violent crime is rare. And it raised troubling questions about whether some of the country's fundamental social values deference to authority, conformity - had helped fuel the rise of Aum.

If convicted, Asabara could face death by hanging. The trial is expected to take years, with most sessions separated by weeks or months. A second session was set for today, but after that there was to be a monthlong break.

Asahara's lawyers complained that prosecutors had not disclosed enough of their evidence, making it difficult for them to prepare a defense. They also said public fury over the attack made it hard for Asahara to get a fair trial.

"Society, because of its fears, has already made a judgment on the accused," said one of the defense lawyers, Osamu

# Yeltsin arrives in China amid warming of ties

President Boris Yeltsin is cultivating closer ties with the East. China, at odds with the United States, is nurturing its connections to Europe and Russia.

Small wonder that Yeltsin arrived yesterday to what may be the warmest welcome ever accorded a Russian leader in

Even during the Cold War, ideological differences and border disntes kept China and the Soviet Union at arm's length. Now, the two nations are discovering reasons why they ought to be pursuing closer relations.

Yelsin's three-day state trip is the third Sino-Russian summit and the second visit by a Russian head of state to China in five

Yeltsin and his wife, Naina, were met at Beijing's airport by Labor Minister Li Boyong. The Russian leader did not make a statement before he was whisked off the tarmac by limousine.

Late in the afternoon, Yeltsin and President Jiang Zemin reviewed a military honor guard outside the Great Hall of the People, in central Beijing beside Tiananmen Square.
Inside the hall during brief talks,

Jiang said they were "old friends," the evening television news reported. Afterward, Jiang gave a

welcome banquet. Since his last visit in 1992, dealings between Russia and China have been taken to "a new level of mutual understanding, confidence and cooperation," Yeltsin told China's state-run Xinhua News Agency before leaving Moscow. Today, there are no problems

of political nature between Russia and China," Yeltsin said. Chinese officials said they believed his visit would infuse ties with new vitality.

During Yeltsin's visit, the two countries are expected to sign 14 agreements, including one setting up a hot-line between Moscow and Beijing - the first such link between Beijing and a foreign capital, according to Russian

În Shanghai, Yeltsin will sign a treaty on confidence-building measures in the areas where China borders Russia and the former Soviet republics of Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The leaders of all five countries will attend the ceremo-

China plans two state dinners in Yeltsin's honor. That is a far cry from 1958, when Mao Tse-tung received Khrushchev clad only in swimming trunks and invited the Soviet leader, who did not know how to

### Lack of security prevents Serb visit to former homes

GLAMOC, Bostia (Reuter) -Some 600 Bosnian Serb refugees, testing peace treaty commitments to repatriate displaced civilians, tried to visit former homes yesterday but Croat police failed to provide security.

The latest flop in efforts to implement humanitarian aspects of the Dayton accords came when the refugees in buses, vans and private cars showed up at a NATO checkpoint in "no-man's-land".

After six hours of negotiations they decided not to go ahead under conditions imposed by local Croat authorities and turned back. Meanwhile, Croat civilians had massed in the town of Glamoc for what would have been an unpleas-

"The protocol (for a visit) was agreed last night by the Croats but it was conveyed to the Serbs only this morning," said Jerome Sennef, a UN civil affairs officer.

Adams, president of the IRA

political wing, Sinn Fein, ended

port out there for real talks and for

Britain and Ireland say Sinn

Fein will be excluded from the

peace talks until the Irish Republican Army (IRA) renews a

ceasefire it broke on February 9

with a London bombing cam-

paign.
Sinn Fein and the IRA want to

end British rule of Northern

Ireland and fear that the elections

will entrench the power of the 60 percent Protestant "Unionist"

majority which wants the province to stay British.

a democratic peace settlement."

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"The Serbs came in larger numbers than expected. They found the Croat proposal too restrictive and rather than making a difficult decision on who can go and who can't, they made a collective decision to return where they came from."

Mans Nyberg, spokesman for the UN High Comissioner for Refugees in Bosnia, said: "Croat authorities were not ready to guarantee security. This is an unfortunate devolopment and we deplore what happened today. "Such visits are our priority, this

is the only way to build confidence. Theoretically there should be a freedom of movement but tensions are still high on both sides." Last week Serb mobs whipped

up by hardline local rulers stoned Moslem and Croat refugees when they tried to cross NATO's Zone of Separation (ZOS) to Serb-held territory to see their homes.

Adams hinted that his party

would boycott the proceedings

of the Forum to be selected in

### Rebel Paraguay general quits

ASUNCION (AP) - Rebellious Gen. Lino Oviedo relinquished command of the army yesterday, bringing to an apparent end a bizarre standoff that had threatened Paraguay's fledgling democracy.

The diminutive and often flamboyant general gave up his command to Gen. Oscar Diaz Delmas in a 20-minute ceremony at the First Corps Army barracks that was attended by President Juan Carlos Wasmosy and about 500 military and civilian officials.

defense minister sometime in the next day, gave a brief speech and then embraced Wasmosy.

It was only two days earlier that Wasmosy had fired Oviedo and barred him from public office for 10 years for insubordination. But in a sudden about-face, the president said the general would hand over command

the 1940s. Under Estigarribía, the defense minister's job was mostly administra-

Paraguayans had feared would end in a military coup.

Oviedo, now scheduled to retire from the army and be swom in as

tive, with commanders of the army, navy and air force reporting directly to the president, who is commander in chief. It was not known if the

and then be promoted to defense minister.

The agreement with Wasmosy calls for Oviedo to reptace Hugo Estigarribia, the first civilian to hold the post of defense minister since

job duties would be the same under Oviedo. The agreement appeared to defuse a 27-hour confrontation that many

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Adams told reporters his part would not be calling for a boyco of the election, which is bein held to select negotiators for allsettlement or which in any way party peace talks starting June 10. leads to the return of Unionist "Sina Fein will contest this elecdomination." tion," said Adams. "We believe His announcement was made a that that there is widespread sup-

Fein to contest

Ulster elections

few hours after the Social Democratic and Labour Party announced that it would be contesting the elections, despite serious reservations. The SDLP is a moderate group,

also supported by the Catholic minority, which seeks the unification of the two Irelands through peaceful and democratic means. A joint boycott of the election.

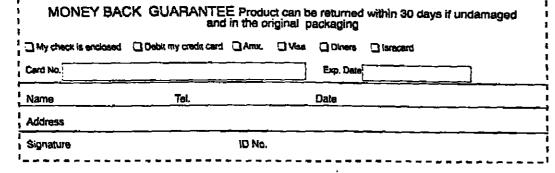
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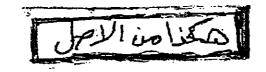
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# Fit to bust

F you still have the Gottex swimsuit which you purchased 20 years ago, you'll find that aside from its Lycra component, what it has in common with examples of the current collection is the built-in bra. But whereas the built-in bra was an obvious feature 20 years ago, today it is more often a hidden asset to a good uplift.

Gideon Oberson, Diva, Pilpel, Scubidu and Trulo have all incorporated built-in bras in their maillots, and have underwired most of the tops in their bikinis and other two-piece bathing costumes.

Many of the one-piece suits are also underwired and ruched at the bust. In fact the trend for built-in bras is so widespread in the swimwear manufacturing industry that there is no reason for any woman to worry about a sagging GREER FAY CASHMAN

bosom. Indeed some of the bras are so cunningly contrived that there's nothing on the outside of the bathing costume to suggest that nature is getting any help. Stylewise, the trend is more

toward romantic than sexy. For instance, the provocative cuts which for several years characterized Gideon Oberson swimwear are barely in evidence. Likewise, Gottex and its Smash subsidiary each have much more fabric in their garments than was usual in

Some of the Gottex items, complete with sleeves, look more like bodysuits.

Though not exactly puritan, most of the new collections can definitely be described as modest.

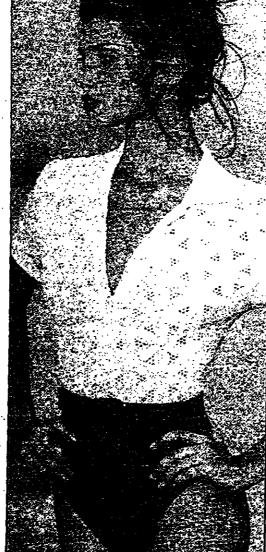
Many have skirts or leggings that come relatively low down on the

Monochromes are rare. Florals, jungle and water themes, intriguing graphics and ethnic prints are the order of the day. There's a lot of lattice work both front and back, lace trims and designs reminiscent of Hollywood movies of the 1930s and 1940s.

Choices in both color and style offer much greater variety than outerwear in general.

The boon of the built-in bra is that it enables swimwear to become completely integral to mix-and-match dressing. While





Gottex bathing suits have much more fabric in their garments than in the past, while some items, complete with sleeves, look more like bodysuits.

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Andre Lhote: Footballers, oils, circa 1918 (Tiroche Herzliya, \$70,000-\$90,000)

# French art on the block

**MEIR RONNEN** 

ROCHE Herzliya has pulled up its socks after its February auction failed because of its lackluster contents. The Tiroche April 30 sale of international and Israeli art is not only more representative, but contains several important French works that are surprising to find here.

Notable among the 93 lots is an early (1925) Raoul Dufy oil of Vence surrounded by its olive groves, showing that this painter was a fine artist well before he found his autograph style. This work should reach its median price of \$100,000, if not

A little Pierre-Auguste Renoir of some peaches, signed only with a stamp but of good provenance, should go even higher. Also of note is a semi-cubist soccer scene by Andre Lhote from the period when this was favorite subject of avant-garde French painters, estimated to go at \$70,000-\$90,000.

A dramatic if sweetish Vlaminck landscape from the same World War I period has a median estimate of \$145,000. Also from France are three little Bondins, two in pastel and one in watercolor of a typical seaside sub-

CHRISTIE'S EDGED Someby's in last week's spring auctions of 19thand 20th-century art in Tel Aviv. Christie's sales totaled \$2.4m. with 78 percent of the lots sold; Sotheby's managed to sell only 55 percent of its lots, but still racked up nearly \$2.25m. Of 123 offers at Sotheby's, 54 remained unsold and four were withdrawn. Sotheby's did little better with its 199 Judaica lots, but still managed to sell 73 percent of their

value for a total of \$1.23m. On the other hand, many of the top items in the modern and contemporary art sales reached their more optimistic or median estimates and in some cases went over the top. The conclusion: the big money is becoming more discriminate but will pay well for quality; however, there is evidently less of it around.

At Christie's, a superb Kaufmann of a young matron in a synagogue topped its best estimate at \$167,500, while a Reaven Rubin landscape doubled its lowest estimate at \$158,700. Another Rubin of a dish of pomegranates soared above its top estimate of \$45,000 to reach \$57,500. Also above its top estimate knocked down at \$90,500. Other notable Christie's offers

neared their top or median estimates. A Chagall gouache reached \$178,500; Gustave Bauernfiend's oil of David Street, Jerusalem, 1887, neared its top estimate at \$158,700. A rare early modernist Moshe Mokady of a lower Haifa street circa 1926 did very well at \$55,000, justifying its appearance on the catalog cover.

At Sotheby's, a Chagail oil of a bridal couple reached its median esti-mate of \$225,500 top individual lot figures. A fine Kisling of a brother and sister did well at \$162,000, as did a flower piece by this artist at \$145,000. An early Danziger head noted as being of historic value soared miles over its estimate to reach \$129,000.

Rubin again topped all estimates, his kitschy Storm in the Negev going for five times its best estimate to ch \$112,500. Another kitschy Rubin with a piano, flowers, and trees doubled its lowest estimate at \$85,000.

A clever but pretty Ardon went for a bit below its lowest estimate when knocked down at \$79,500. A Mane Katz of a rabbi with a Torah brought in \$57,000. The perennial popularity

of Katz, Ardon, and late Rubin never ceases to amaze me.

A Pissarro watercolor/gouache did better than its estimate at \$74,000. while a nice little oil of trees by Lesser Ury got its expected \$57,000. The surprise of the show was "Cactus" by the late Israeli Arab Assim Abu Shakra, which went well over its estimate to reach \$27,600. Collectors of local art are clearly looking for seminal works.

AT SOTHEBY's Judaica sale, top prices went to paintings. Bernard Picart's historic oil of the Curiel family's Seder secured its expected \$156,500, though this was well below its rosiest estimate. An anonymous Dutch interior of an Amsterdam synagogue barely made it at \$96,000, while an interior of a Brussels synagogue by Edouard Brandon (purchased by the Belgian Jewish Museum with the help of Belgian Culture Minister Charles

Piquet) went for \$85,000. The only silver item to top its estimate was a Polish silver gilt Hanukka lamp ca. 1810, which doubled its estimate for a remarkable \$32,000. Some English Creswick silver items from 1841 nudged the top estimate at

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# Seafood controllers put an end to 'fishy' pricing practices

ONSUMERS conned into paying "through the gills" for the ice on frozen fish can finally that out. The Food Control Administration (FCA) is putting an end to the "fishy" pricing

practices of Israeli importers. S.L. entered the Hypershuk in his area to buy fish. The price of vacuum-packed sole, from "Dag Frost," was prominently displayed on the outer edge of the freezer as NIS 29.90 per kilo.

The label on the package of the frozen fillet listed the net weight of the fish as 340 grams. Just below that, in very small letters, the gross weight - 700 grams appeared. "Charged per gross weight" read the fine Hebrew print at the bottom. Needless to say, S.L. was rather dis-

tressed at having to buy 360 grams of expensive ice, just to get 340 grams of fish. So, in true "dissatisfied customer"

form, he complained to the manager of the

The response he received - "They all sell it like that" - provided little consolation. Seeking a "meatier" explanation for this obenomenon I phoned the Dag Frost company in Holon to inquire.

Marketing manager Yossi Cahanov gave me the oral "fish eye," and spouted the following frosty answer: "I don't have time for your questions. I'm dealing with the money today. Do me a favor and leave me alone, OK?" Midas couldn't have said it better himself.

I was left no alternative but to continue my fishing expedition in less turbulent waters. Dr. Herbert Singer, veterinary unit director of the FCA (at the Ministry of Health), provided the kind of explanation conceined consumers can fassb.

"The majority of imported fish comes

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from Holland," he explained. "In European countries, no limit is imposed on the amount of ice in which fish is packed. Due to international exchange rates, Israeli importers feared that the cost of foreign fish would end up

being too high in this country. So, they circumvented the problem by leaving large amounts of ice on the fish, and charging for gross weight."

In defense of these importers, Dr. Singer stressed that a certain amount of ice is crucial for health reasons - especially in a country like Israel, which has such a warm

Due to power failures and other mishaps, frozen foods undergo some degree of defrosting in supermarket freez-

ers, which increases the risk of spoiling." he said. For this reason, a good two layers of ice are necessary to protect fresh-

ness, in any case." It is the exaggerated disproportion in fish-to-ice ratios, and hence unreasonable profit, which the FCA wants to curb. As a result. Health Ministry regulations regarding the import and sale of fish were amended in February this year. The new regulations will be put into effect in August, giving importers and marketers a six-month period in which to make all the necessary adjustments in packing and in

labeling New labels will be required to list the percentage of fish in a given package; they must use the same size letters as the name

of the product; and the fish must make up at least 80% of the total weight. In other words, S.L. will still have to pay for ice when he wants fish, but at least only onefifth of the purchase will melt away.

To ensure that the new regulations are upheld, the FCA has warned Dutch exporters that shipments of frozen fish containing over 20% ice will be returned. All fish importers, marketers and supermarket chains in Israel have been cautioned that by June 1, only fish with the legal amount of ice will be allowed into the country. This is to prevent everyone involved in the sale of the seafood from having excuses (by the time August rolls

Though port and supermarket inspections will be conducted after the cut-off date, Dr. Singer urges the public to keep an

around) for being stuck with leftover

manpower necessary to supervise all shops and mini-markets," he said.

Though only too happy to oblige, instinct tells me that all the new regulations will accomplish is to cause importers to double the price of the fish.

ONE FURTHER consumer tidbit: Anyone whose telephone number is about to have a digit added will be happy to know Bezeq gives credit for 50 free call units with which to ring friends and family to inform of the number change. It almost makes you want to go out and solurge on fish.

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#### The covenant decision

and a half years, but last night he finally made the first step toward fulfilling his commitment to amend the PLO Covenant. Proving that he has the power and authority to bypass protocol and eliminate debate in the Palestinian National Council (PNC) - an unelected body euphemistically known as the Palestinian parliament - he passed a resolution to eliminate all clauses in the covenant incompatible with the Oslo Declaration of Principles.

The problem is that Arafat's credibility has reached such a low point that Israelis must wonder what the exact amendments will be and whether they represent a change of heart and a transformation of goals, or just a tactical move. Clearly, Arafat has come to realize that all hope of continued Israeli withdrawal, negotiations on the "final status," and - above all - the prospects of international aid would vanish if he failed to change the covenant. In short, it was either the end of the covenant or the burial of the Oslo agreement.

Nothing if not a survivor, Arafat chose the Palestinian relations.

T has taken Yasser Arafat more than two former - the only route open to him at this point. To convince those who may, with ample reason, remain skeptical of his true intentions, he should make known the exact text of the changes (there are 28 clauses out of the covenant's 33 which must be eliminated), and announce the repeal of the 1974 "plan of phases," the PLO's program for the destruction of Israel

> The latter is particularly pertinent, because it is this plan which Arafat invokes whenever Arab critics of the Oslo agreement accuse him of betraying the Palestinian Covenant.

> It is essential, too, that praising suicide bombers as "martyrs" and "heroes" will stop, calls for jihad against Israel will disappear, the war against terrorists will be waged with seriousness, and the idea of coexistence with Israel will become part of Palestinian education.

> The decision to change the covenant is a positive legal step. If the change in words is followed by a change in deeds, last night's decision will signal a turning point in Israeli-

# The secretary's humiliation

pilgrimages to Damascus are any indication, ardent faith in the power of positive thinking has replaced realpolitik at the State Department. The manner in which Christopher was humiliated by Syria's dictator Hafez Assad is unprecedented in recent American history: Assad had him cool his heels on Monday, then had his Foreign Minister Farouk Shara tell him on the way from the airport on Tuesday that, "The president is unavailable." And it was only yesterday, after making another round trip to Jerusalem, that Christopher was granted an audience with the dictator.

Being anything but a petty man, Christopher has obviously decided that, for the sake of peace, a giant like the US can overlook the childish power games of a tinhorn dictator. But if he hopes that in the prestige-conscious Middle East he can achieve results through placation, appearement, and self-debasement, he may want to read the following newspaper

"Many politically astute Syrians, while still regarding Israel's creation as an abominable intrusion into Arab homelands, now recognize its presence as an unavoidable political fact.

lem therefore. this intense emotion with realistic Mideast diplomacy. Achieving such a reconciliation appears to be the basic policy of President Hafez Assad...

"Nonetheless, many influential Syrians remain ambivalent about coming to terms with Israel, even though their government officially has joined the peace-making efforts of the secretary of state. At heart, they consider their neighbor to represent Zionist imperialism foisted upon them by a callous West. Steeped in the righteousness of their cause, these Syrians are unwilling to state unequivocally that they'll sign peace documents someday to legitimize Israel's existence just a few miles from Damascus.

"Example? In a recent Newsweek interview, President Assad was quoted as saving that, When everything is settled [with Israel] it will have to be formalized with a formal peace treaty. This is not propaganda. We mean it seriously and explicitly.

"The statement was bailed as a breakthrough; [the secretary of state] praised the Syrian leader's moderation. Prematurely, it turned out. Mr. Assad's spokesman quickly denounced the magazine account as 'not an

Sir, - In your editorial of April

about the inconsistent "peace poli-

cies" of the Peres government. At

one point you explain that because

of their worsening situation Pales-

tinians lose hope and become bitter.

I agree that the closure, leaving so

many hard-working Palestinians

with nothing, is a short-sighted ef-

fort to guarantee the safety of our

side - a policy not fitting for a peace

process and in the long run counter-

productive. The same is true for the

present show of force against Leba-

non. We have been through this too

often and it will again lead us no-

where, and definitely not break the

cycle of bloodshed.

"War in peace," you write

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

THE PURSUIT OF PEACE

F Secretary of State Warren Christopher's honest reflection of the content of the discussion, particularly concerning the question of a peace treaty.'

To many, the report undoubtedly sounds familiar. But it was not published in recent days, weeks, or months. It was a story by Robert Keatley in the Wall Street Journal 21 years ago, on March 14, 1975, when the secretary of state was Henry Kissinger. Hundreds of such reports have been published since then - all revealing "a sincere commitment to peace" Assad regularly makes to foreign diplomats, prominent correspondents, and Arab statesmen. Prime Minister Shimon Peres once referred to such a revelation as 'a sensational development in Damascus,' That was in 1992.

One would like to believe that after 21 years of the same runaround, the deep thinkers at the State Department would begin to wonder if they are doing something wrong. As a preliminary exercise, they may want to try to enumerate the differences between Syria's Assad and Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Assad may be the more successful of the two, but the differences are undiscernible.

Like Saddam, Assad has annexed a small neighboring state (except that he got away with has murdered more of hi than Saddam has done. He markets illicit drugs throughout the world with impunity, and he actively sponsors the most virulent of today's terrorist groups.

Yesterday, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said that the world should appreciate the fact that Israel is the only Western democracy fighting a military arm of the Iranian regime. But while Hizbullah may be dedicated to the goals of the ayatollahs, it is mainly a proxy of Damascus, not Teheran, and it serves the Syrian position in the negotiations by drawing Israeli blood.

As Labor Knesset candidate Shlomo Ben-Ami has put it, "[For] Hafez Assad ... the Hizbullah movement in Lebanon is a major instrument in the negotiations with Israel. If Israel had succeeded in bringing down Hizbullah, its negotiations with Syria would have been conducted according to more conventional patterns."

There is no doubting Christopher's sincerity in trying to achieve peace in the region. But his arduous efforts will come to naught unless he can first attain a total cease-fire in Lebanon. It is not an attainment he can have by standing outside Assad's door, hat in hand.



# **Rockets & retaliation**

N the morning of March 14. Belgian customs offi-cials were galvanized into action. A tip-off from US intelligence had advised them to intercept two or three crates labelled "Spices." This innocuous-sounding cargo had been taken aboard at an Iranian port, destined for

Together with police and security men, the customs officers waited, pleased, as three crates swung into sight. Carefully they prized the first one open, expecting to

find a cache of drugs. Instead the Belgians were astonished to discover, hidden among some genuine exotic spices, an unusual rocket, ready for firing. There were more rockets packed

into the other two crates. The experts got to work testing the devices and soon came to a startling conclusion: What had fallen into their bands was the ultimate terrorist weapon.

Small in size, the rocket nevertheless carried a tremendous punch. Its complex and brilliantly engineered firing and guiding sys-tems had been skillfully miniatur-

When the rockets were dismantled, it became apparent that the makers' names had been carefully filed away from all the components, making their original European or American origin unidentifiable. German police were immediate-

ly alerted to pay a visit to the spice store in Munich where the crates were to be delivered. And - surprise, surprise - the store owner Soon the alert was being flashed all over Europe: The Iranians are

stepping up their terrorist campaign targeting Jews, Israelis, and maybe others. When they blew up the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires in summer 1994 and unsuccessfully attempted to blast either the US or Israeli embassies in

Bangkok two years ago, the Iranians used suicide bombers. By good fortune the Thailand attack was foiled when the wouldbe bomber got involved in an accident while he was driving to his deadly mission.

On both occasions the bombers were Hizbullah Shi'ites from South Lebanon. Following the German example,

other countries banned parking in front of Israeli or Jewish institutions to prevent further suicide The "abominable attacks. machine," destined for Munich, was, US intelligence sources told us, Iran's response to these defensive measures.

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The rocket, light and comparatively easy to hide, could be fired accurately from a building near the target, or even from some distance away, obviating the need for a suicide bomber.

It was the conclusion of the experts that the rocket's highly sophisticated explosive charge could demolish a medium-sized building.

Nor was it any surprise that the Iranians chose Germany as their first terror target.
The mullahs of Teheran were

badly stung recently when German authorities issued a warrant for the arrest of Ali Fallahian, the Iranian minister of state who masterminds Teheran's international campaign against the non-Moslem world.

In a badly managed war, the army hasn't been allowed to do what it was trained for

Revenge for the "insult" to Fallahian, who had in the past been wined and dined by leading European politicians, was clearly the motive behind the choice of a German city for a new terrorist

AMERICAN intelligence is convinced that the state-of-the-art rocket was manufactured in the vast armaments and training complex established by Fallahian close to Teheran. It is here that the Iranian minis-

ter installed the costly printing plant which still spews out the millions of near-perfect dollar bills that have flooded the Western world. So successful was this campaign

of forgery that the US was forced for the first time to design a totally revamped 100-dollar bill to replace the the "C" note greenback.

The discovery of the super-rockets came just a day after the antiterrorist conference orchestrated by Shimon Peres at Sharm e-Sheikh.It seemed a mocking comment on the now-forgotten conference's aims.

That Fallahian's teams are spreading their tentacles ever wider became evident last week, when Egyptian terrorists trained

tered 18 Greek Christian pilgrims at Cairo's Europa hotel. The Gamaat el-Islamiya killers,

who believed the tourists were Israelis, displayed an indifference to human life matched by their Hizbullah colleagues who shelled Israel's North from close to the Kana UNIFIL camp, indifferent to the risk to brother Moslems who had sought refuge there.

In Egypt the terrorists walked among the casualties strewn over the ground and finished them off with shots in the head. They fled before they could slay the last 17

Chief of army intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon apparently became aware of the fresh danger to Jewish and Israeli targets in Europe after the "spices" episode.

And it was added reason for Peres to launch Operation Grapes of Wrath.

The last thing Peres needed before the elections was for the Iranians to intensify their campaign against Israelis and Jews. He needed to show Hizbullah terrorists, no matter where they were active, that Israel would not stand idly by while they carried out their dastardly acts. So he bowed to the military's demands to strike in the face of escalating Katyusha attacks against Kiryat Shmona.

Narrow electoral considerations led Peres to tie the hands of army commanders, forbidding them to send in the army or special units to wipe out Hizbullah terrorists in their lairs. Peres didn't want a single Israeli casualty which could

The results were predictably disastrous. Hizbullah gunners got the green light from their Syrian and Iranian masters to let rip without restraint, unleashing hundreds of rockets to devastate our North. Political fallout from the Kana

carnage grows by the hour. And Syria and Iran are riding high over the major defeat inflicted against IsraeL Peres's restraint on the army

meant its commanders could do nothing but look on in despair as Israelis abandoned their homes in the North and fled southwards.

No less distressing has been the worldwide hostility against Israel in the wake of the Kana disaster. The fact that Israeli gunners were only responding to the firing of Katyushas into Israel somehow got lost in the media's detailed reports of the carnage.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

# Too brave

LARRY DERFNER

7E don't know what to make of those people in Kiryat Shmona. The Katyushas fall by the score, some residents stay, most leave, and we can't decide who

did the right thing.

The official attitude is: "To each his own. No one's right, no one's wrong." That's safe. Nobody's feelings get hurt.

And who wants to judge openly, anyway - now other people take care of their families, especially when the Katyushas are falling on them and not you? Watching from afar, it's very hard to make up one's mind.

These people living in bomb shelters are obviously brave. But then there are all those other people with their families in their cars, heading for safety - can you blame them?

Katyushas are killers, cripplers, these people can't lift a finger against them, so should anybody expect them to risk their lives?

Funny, we haven't been so charitable with the Tel Aviv area residents who ran from Scuds during the Gulf War.

Northerners are respected as hardy folks, while Tel Avivians are seen as snobs who, when the crunch comes, turn coward and look out for Number One. The Gulf War only confirmed this

No matter that the Scuds were expected, sooner or later, to carry biological or chemical warheads, and that the sealed rooms were a joke. Whoever ran from Tel Aviv was a "deserter," as then-mayor Shlomo Lahat said.

Maybe if the Scuds had been biological or chemical and thousands had died, we'd be a little more understanding today of those refugees in the Gulf War.

As for Kiryat Shmona, we understand the residents who leave, admire those who don't, and make no judgment on either. But this is moral timidity,

because both sides can't be right. If those who remained in Kiryat Shmona were brave, then those who fled were less than brave. And if the residents who took off were wise, then the residents who stayed on - except for those in vital jobs - were less than wise.

Some people in Kiryat Shmona ran from the Katyushas. Others stayed. Which were right?

SUPPOSE our family or closest friends were living up there. We wouldn't say, "Do what you think is best." We would take a stand. I think most of us would want them sitting out the war in safety, and would tell them so.

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If they argued - as the people in Kiryat Shmona's bomb shelters argue - that "This is my home, I've lived here for so-and-so many years, and nobody's chas-ing me out of here," most of us would try to talk some sense into them. I hope I would.

If they refused, I would consider them brave, but also more than a little reckless. And if, God forbid, they got hurt or killed. I would be angry at them.

When Katyushas are falling near people we love, we don't want to hear stories about home: we want them out of there. But as a society, we haven't told this to Israelis on the firing line in the north.

We're too dazzled by their bravery. Theirs is the spirit that built this country, right? How can you criticize them?

Besides, we're afraid to urge them to leave, lest we be accused of spreading cowardice, of weakening the national backbone. But if this is spreading cow-

ardice, then 80 percent of Kiryat Shmona's residents - the ones who fled the Katyushas - are cowards, and most of us don't believe that.

Their mass evacuation is why there were so few Israeli casualties in Operation Grapes of Wrath, just as mass "desertion" from Tel Aviv saved life and limb

Escapees from the northern border said they acted out of responsibility to themselves and their families, and we agreed with

Why can't Israeli society tell those who stayed behind that they have the same duty? We're not doing the people remaining in the bomb shelters any favors by applauding them as we do. We're just paying lip service to a misbegotten notion of Israeli bravery that we don't really believe in.

And by doing so, we're giving Kiryat Shmona's holdouts moral support when they put their lives in danger for no good reason.

The writer is a journalist living

#### PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



This was the scene recently at a demonstration by NRP activists in Jericho, campaigning against the return of former terrorist Leila Khaled. In the midst of all the protesters, soldiers and cameramen stands one fellow, seemingly without purpose. Astonishingly, on closer look, the whiteshirted man is armed with a fearful-looking knife, jutting out of his hip pocket. What reason would anyone have for walking around like that?

Sir. - I have to write and say how much I enjoyed Herb Keinon's article in your Pessah Supplement of April 10. I originate from London and have been here 10 years now. Reading this article was, for me, like looking in a mirror. I remember now, although my sister and I helped, our mother was always 50

Jerusalem Post editorial board? Why is it so difficult to under- Holon. BEATE ZILVERSMIDT PESSAH MEMORIES exhausted the first Seder night, but the second night, she was her old,

stand that, in order to make peace,

the interests of both sides should be

served? The situation of peace - and

the process leading to it - means that

each side has a share in the interests

of the other. It is this basic principle

of human relations - valid in busi-

ness, in marriage as well as in poli-

tics - which the Peres government

seems to ignore and which many

I still hope that we and our neigh-

bors will learn this lesson. The som-

ber conclusion implied in your edi-

toriai is definitely no alternative:

that we had better forget about try-

ing to achieve peace with our neigh-

bors. Is that really the opinion of The

people seem not to be aware of.

wonderful self. Like Mr. Keinon, I too am no big fan of the two-day holidays and am now enjoying the situation here enormously. But I agree with him regarding the second night. Ra'anana. MIGNON LUBINSKI Jerusalem.

#### HOLOCAUST MARTYRS AND HEROES REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sir, - I would like to protest strongly against the decision of Israel Television to cancel its Holocaust Remembrance Day programs in the early part of the evening in order to present yet another Popolitica discussion of the current situation in the north. That situation deserved treatment on the news, which Mabat gave it. There was nothing to justify yet another talk program giving journalists and pseudo-journalists, politicians and government officials another opportunity to be seen and

Holocaust Memorial Day comes once a year. It is our opportunity to honor the memory of the Six Million and to educate ourselves about the Holocaust. When no program (except the opening ceremony) is shown before 11 p.m., that opportunity is missed. I consider this a serious lack of taste and judgment on the part of the IBA and Channel 2.

REUVEN HAMMER

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An Up Close Look at

# Africa's Animals





By Stanton H. Patty

▼GORONGORO CRATER, Tanzania—"Simba!" whispered Emmanuel, the safari driver. Just 40 feet away, almost hidden in a patch of tall grass, was a lioness with four cubs. "You must be very quiet," Emmanuel said.

The babies were nursing. Visitors watched from their "pop-top" safari rig.

Then the lioness stretched and yawned. Feeding time was over. The cubs wrestled and played tug-of-war with

It was as if we were invisible. They know we are here, but they have no fear," Emmanuel said.

Ngorongoro was working its magic. This volcanic crater in northern Tanzania is one of the world's greatest wildlife sanctuaries.

Roaming its 10-mile-wide floor are more than 30,000

hunt down wildebeests, zebras and gazelles

through acacia trees as if they were sticks of

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bone-jarring dirt roads, Ngorongoro ("en-goro-en-goro") is not included in all itineraries arranged by the 100 or so safari companies that operate through Tanzania and neighboring Kenya.

The great caldera of Ngorongoro—all that remains of a 15,000-foot-high volcano that exploded millions of years ago-is about 300 miles south and east of Nairobi, East Africa's safari bub.

Getting here involves either a rugged overland trip from Nairobi or a more tolerable combination of air-taxi and land travel.

Micato Safaris, with offices in New York and Nairobi, knows the way. The family that owns Micato has been in business here since the turn of the century. To set the scene:

It is dawn in Ngorongoro. First there are bird songs. It is as if an orchestra is tuning up for the overture.

Then there is a knock on the door of your room at the Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on the crater rim. A waiter offers a tray with a pot of coffee.

Pull up a chair—a rocking chair. The room seems perched on the very lip of the crater, with picture windows and rocking chairs for two. Open the curtains. This no zoo. It's real life—where the big cats

Do you hear a fanfare? First rays of the sun flood the crater with golden light. You can see the faint lines of game trails far below. It must be something like the

first glimpse of a new planet for space travelers. In a way, Ngorongoro is

another world-a world of bornfree, still-free animals surging over grasslands and marshes and

animals ... lions, elephants, thinos, hippos, leopards, cheetahs, Cape buffalo, wildebeests, zebras, gazelles, hyenas, jackals, monkeys, baboons and more . . . and almost 200 species of birds, ranging from eagles to flamingos, from cranes to estriches.

This may be the ultimate safari destination. "If you have only one day in your life to visit an African game park, that day should be spent at Ngorongoro," writes Allen Bechky, author of

Adventuring in East Africa. But because of its relatively remote site at the end of

guered rhinos for their precious horms.

forests inside the crater. This no zoo. It's real life-where the big cats hunt down wildebeests, zebras and gazelles for meals, where bull elephants crash through acacia trees as if they were sticks of kindling, where poachers still pursue beleaguered rhinos for their precious borns.

The animals are not trapped in the crater. Some migrate to and from Tanzania's famed Serengeti plains. But most stay because of Ngorongoro's dependable sup-Continued on page 2

Photos by Stanton H. Pany

"Show time!" says a visitor.

needed for their diets. Teamwork.

legs still wobbly, stays close to its mother.

· Scores of zebras and wildebeests are grazing together in

field of grass the color of old gold. An hours-old zebra,

and the humpbacked wildebeests with their comical gray

beards have a symbiotic relationship. The wildebeests crop

the top part of the grass for its high-protein yield. Then the

zebras can munch on the lower portions for the high fiber

Two endangered black things watch warily as the safari

wagons pass. They have reason to be cautious. Recent poach-

ing here-by those entrusted with protection of the rhinos,

The zebras ("donkeys with pajamas," says Emmanuel).



Zebras' stripes protect these animals from predators.

#### Animals From page 1

ply of fresh water.

The caldera was formed when the spent volcano's walls collapsed inward. The rim is at an elevation of about 7,500 feet. The 102-square-mile crater floor is 2,000 feet below.

Only four-wheel-drive vehicles are able to navigate crater trails for the safari "game drives." The Land Rovers are fitted with roomy roof hatches for cameras and binoculars. Will you see Africa's "Big Five" species

this day—lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, Cape buffalo?

Carry plenty of film. The action is non-

 A lion king is silhouetted on a distant ridge. The sentry lion is watching a herd of wildebeest grazing nearby.

"Simba!" says Emmanuel, calling out the Swahili word for lion. We will hear it often before the day is over.

 Ostriches are foraging for seeds in a charred strip of open savanna. A wildfire burned here the other day, a reminder that Ngorongoro is not for animals alone.

Once the crater was home to the Masai, the noble nomads of East Africa. Wildlifeconservation officials are prodding them away from the crater, but the Masai persist. Sometimes they start grass fires to prepare soil for crops.

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 Then a crested crane parades across the road like a beauty queen.
 Nearby is a pond with 20 hippos half-submerged, like fat logs, in a cool-water pond. A court of pretty birds—
 Egyptian geese, sacred ibis and egrets—decorates the shoreline.

 Down the trail is a lake turned pink with masses of flamingos. And across the way three cranky, old Cape Buffalo are rolling in mud to shed pesky ticks and flies.

 Camera-shy warthogs, armed with wicked tusks, waddle across the savanna. Thompson's gazelles prance as if on springs. A tawny eagle watches from a treetop by a pool with islets of floating papyrus.

Then, just when you think you've seen it all (and the film supply is getting skimpy), there is a roadside scene for the memory book.

Lions are lounging around two parked safari rigs—yawning, dozing, seeking cover from the blazing mid-day sun. We counted nine in all.

A heart-pounding encounter for passengers with eye-toeye lion views. But old stuff to Emmanuel and the other

"The lions are just being lazy," says Emmanuel. "They like the shade."

Later, back at the lodge, you gaze down on the crater as the African sun sets the clouds afire, then falls beyond the

Curtain down.

A full moon, a golden coin, rises over Ngorongoro.

By now, the lioness has hidden her four cubs in the tall grass and set off to find them a meal. Restless zebras and wildebeests and gazelles are on guard against the hungry cats.

Once again, Ngorongoro belongs to the night.

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Elephants and a host of other animals can be seen at the wildlife preserve at Ngorongoro Crater.

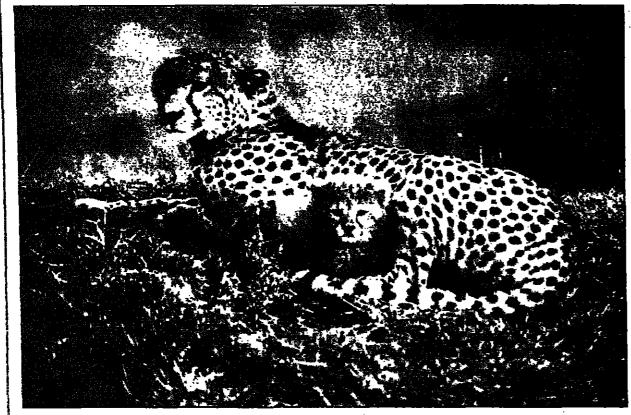
Photos by Stanton H. Patty

# When On A Safari

**GENERAL:** Tanzania's Ngorongoro Crater is featured in safari packages with Micato Safaris that combine several wildlife parks in Tanzania and Kenya. The escorted safaris

begin and end in Nairobi, Kenya's capital.

Several packages also include a stay at the posh Mount
Kenya Safari Club, founded by William Holden, the late actor,
and his friends.



A typical 12-day Kenya-Tanzania safari—including deluxe lodges and all meals while on safari—is priced at \$2,440 a person. Also available is an 11-day package, priced at \$1,790.

Air fare for international flights is additional. Micato presently is quoting round-trip tour-based fares between Chicago and Nairobi with Lufthansa German Airlines from \$1,879 to \$1,997, depending on the season. Lufthansa is the carrier for tours operated by Micato.

INOCULATIONS: Tanzania requires a yellow-fever certificate. Anti-malaria tablets are recommended for both countries. Public-health agencies here may suggest other precautions.

WATER: Rely on bottled water, even for brushing teeth.
But expect to pay up to \$3 and \$4 U.S. per liter outside

WEATHER: Temperatures range from the 70s to the 90s by day; low 50s at night. However, temperatures may be cooler in high-elevation areas. Warmest months are December through March. Coolest are July and August.

Heaviest rains occur in April in both countries. Shorter rains usually occur in late October and early November in Kenya; November and December in Tanzania.

ELECTRICITY: 220 volts.

CURRENCY: Exchange rates fluctuate. Figure about 52 Kenya shillings to \$1 U.S.; 500 Tanzanian shillings to \$1

U.S. Suggestion: change as little currency as possible.

Most of the hotels and lodges on the Micato circuit accept
major credit cards. Some shops in Nairobi de, too, but may
tack on a surcharge of five or six per cent when credit
cards are used.

SHOPPING: So so. Best buys are wood carvings and native costume jewelry. Surprise: peddlers in villages and along country roads ask outrageously high prices for their wares and are unwilling to bargain much.

Tailor-made safari outfits are priced reasonably in Nairobi. Recommended: Rentford Drapers, Ltd., in Muindi Mbingu Street. Figure \$125 to \$150 for an outfit with vest, shirt and trousers.

WHAT TO PACK: Sun-screen, lip balm, flashlight (electricity is turned off late at night at some wildlife lodges), extra batteries, shorts and other light clothing for day touring, sweaters for cool evenings, sturdy walking shoes, alarm clock, insect repellent, sun glasses, and plenty of film, including 400 ASA film for early-morning and late-afternoon game drives. You'll want a telephoto lens (at least 200-millimeters) for wildlife photography. Carry some large zip-type plastic bags to protect cameras from dust.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Micato Safaris, 15 West 26th Street, New York, New York 10010; (001) 212/545-7111.

#### RAIN-FOREST REPORT

Anyone who yearns to venture deep into the world's exotic rain forests should read Green Cathedrais: A Wayward Traveler in the Rain Forest by Brian Alexander (Lyons & Burford). It's a treat for both adventurous and arrachair travelers.

Alexander is a travel writer who admits that his love affair with rain forests was spacked as a child in Ohio watching "Tarzan" movies. As a starry-eyed young adventurer he sets off in search of the far-flung reaches of Malaysia, Alaska, Guatemala, Dominica, Panama and the Amazon.

But he quickly discovers that there are no undiscovered places. Modern life, it seems, is creeping its way into even the most remote corners of the world.

And Alexander quickly discovers that the fives of First World citizens are as exotic to the indigenous residents of rain forests as theirs are to us.

Although it's obvious that Alexander would

like to see these pristine environments protected from exploitation, he's still able to turn a critical eye on the eco-warriors who have devoted their fives to saving the rain forests. Time and again he questions the First World's right to preach to people who live in abject poverty, threatened by disease, mainutrition, floods and the many dangers that lunk in the forests' savage heavity. After all, unlike tourists sporting chic outdoor gear, the reeldents of rain forests can't leave when they've seen enough. In fact, they think these oddball visitors are a pretty nutty bunch.

#### AFFORDABLE ALASKA

Book Marine Expeditions' eight-day new
"Alasks's inside Passage" itinerary for the May 6
departure and receive a \$500 discount.
Selling aboard the 79-passenger Marine

Salling abount the 79-passenger Marine Adventurer, an oceanographic research vessel, participants will be able to explore parts of the Passage's protected waters that are off-limits to larger ships. The route goes through Queen Charlotte Sound (home to humphack whales), Misty Fjoris, Glacier Bay National Park and Mendenhali Glacier. The ship also will call at Haines, Skagway and Juneau. Naturalists will be on board to introduce passengers to the wildlife and natural wonders encountered along the way.

Marine Expeditions is offering seven departures between April 29 and June 17. For the May 6 sailing, it is priced at \$995 per person.

FYI: Marine Expeditions Inc., 13 Hazelton Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5R 2E1; (001) 416/964-9069.

#### OLYMPIC DAY TRIPS

Finding a vacant hotel room in Atlanta during the Summer Olympics is getting more difficult by the day, and you'd probably end up blowing your child's college savings on whatever you do find. Leisure Clubs International may have the solu-

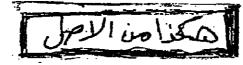
tion. As the only authorized one-day trip provider for the Olympic Games, the company is taking reservations for a series of single-day excursions.

The "Gold" and "Silver" one-day packages are

The "Gold" and "Silver" one-day packages are available July 19 through August 4 and depart on Delta Air Lines charter flights from New York (and Newark), Chicago, Detroit, Miami, Dallas, St. Louis and Columbus, Ohio. They include round-trip air transportation, tickets to two events, official Olympic merchandise and ground transportation transfers. All flights depart in the morning and return the same evening. To reach these cities from Jerusalem, contact your travel agent.

FYI: Leisure Clubs International, (001) 770/989-5752.

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# The Bear Essentials....

# A Guide to Brown Bear Viewing in Alaska

By Jon K. Tillinghast

n July 20, 1990, a record 68 brown bear were counted, at one sitting, at Alaska's McNeil River falls. Ten McNeil permit holders were the only Alaska tourists to see it. Many of their million colleagues were dissuaded from the show, and shows like it, by two daunting truths of Ursus arctos:

1. By the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (or "ADF&G") best guess, there are 30-40,000 brown bear spread over the state's 591,000 square miles. Unfortunately, they are distributed quite unevenly.

The state's interior is poor bear country. The interior grizzly, the brown bear's smaller sibling, is a soliuary and stressed fellow usually (and perhaps fortunately) seen in the distance. Coastal brown bear, by contrast, grow fat and complacent along the remote salmon spawning streams of Alaska's subarctic coastline. But even some of Alaska's once-prime coastal turf has been compromised by hunting pressure, and that leaves a stretch of Alaska's southwest coast, from Lake Clark National Park in the east to Karmai National Park in the west, as the state's premier bear

2. Bear viewing is done on the bear's schedule. Bears may patronize several streams, miles apart, over the course of the summer, and they cut no slack for the photographer who arrives just following a stream's peak spawning period. Take the example offered by McNeil River Sanctuary Manager Larry Aumiller:

Think of a lot of overlapping polygons—each one of the range of a single bear. All those polygons intersect at just one point-McNeil River. That's where all these bears will meet in July. But as soon as the run tapers off, all those bears will scatter."

There are, however, ways to turn these truths to advantage. Bush Alaska is rich in folk who make virtue of necessity. It's an art form, and this story visits four artists whose canvasses of Alaska's southwest coast differ in every respect save one:

In each foreground, there stands a mess of bears. The Uptown Bears: Cherik Camp. Cherik camp owner Mike McBride, 52, has earned his seat on the board of the Smithsonian Institute. No one has done servation of the Alaska wild, and Chenik Camp is proof enough of that.

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Chenik is a six-bed camp lying 120 miles across Cook Inlet from the nearest civilization. The first white folk who tried this rough country were eight gold-miners who fought their way down Cook Inlet in 1923, making camp at Chenik lagoon. One died in route; a second was killed by a Chenik bear, and four others were never heard from again.

A tough place, then and now, to run a luxury

McBride won the exclusive hunting concession for the Chenik area in 1976, though hunting was not on McBride's agenda. "Mike knew this was the perfect place for photography," his wife Diane recalls. "But to keep his license, he needed to turn in hunt reports to ADF&G. Well, he started turning in 'photography hunt' reports. Fish & Game said 'no' to that, and he was in agony-he couldn't lose Chenik. We thought

#### Truth is, nothing defines Alaska's singularity like the brown bear.

about a lawyer, but then thankfully, the law changed." Today, ADF&G and the McBrides are something of joint ventures. Chenik sits in the McNeil River Game Refuge, and the McBrides are caretakers. Chenik is an integral part of the McNeil bear ecosystem, and so, as Diane said, "ADF&G is pretty entrenched here. They've been good neighbors, and so have we."

From Chenik, the McBrides and their staff monitor the two dozen bear that frequent the Chenik River, a mere 1/3-mile from the camp, from late June to late July. On a bluff above the river's falls is a bear viewing area, though in-season bears are likely to be found anywhere, anytime. Given its setting. Chenik Camp is implausibly gen-

trified. For all its rough silhouette. Chenik's summer landscape is benign. The soft tundra makes effortless hiking, and come July it turns a riot of color as wild iris, azaleas, geranium, and chocolate lilies bloom. The short walk to the bears is no hardship.

Nor is the return to camp unwelcome. There are three precious wood cabins here, replacing the origi-

nal wall tents that now shelter the staff. There are real beds, with sleepy-fat comforters that usually moot the need for the wood stove. Bottles of Australian merlot and Sonoma County chardonnay sit on each cabin's table, and morning coffee is delivered to the cabin

Staff adore Chenik. The five staffers are attentive to a fault; cook gourmet arrays of seafood, fresh breads, salads and local berry desserts; and constantly tinker with the wood sauna-all in a largely successful effort to mask the reality of Chenik's utter isola-

Here, deep in nowhere, Alaska's wild can be washed down with a good glass of wine, and the hard country that once killed gold miners surrunders to a touch of class.

The Lottery Bears: McNeil River. In the winter of 1995, 1486 people applied for 185 ADF&G permits to see the best brown bear show on earth-the summer bears of the McNeil River Sanctuary. The winners are chosen in a March lottery. Overall, the odds of drawing a permit are 8-1; for peak periods in July. they're higher.

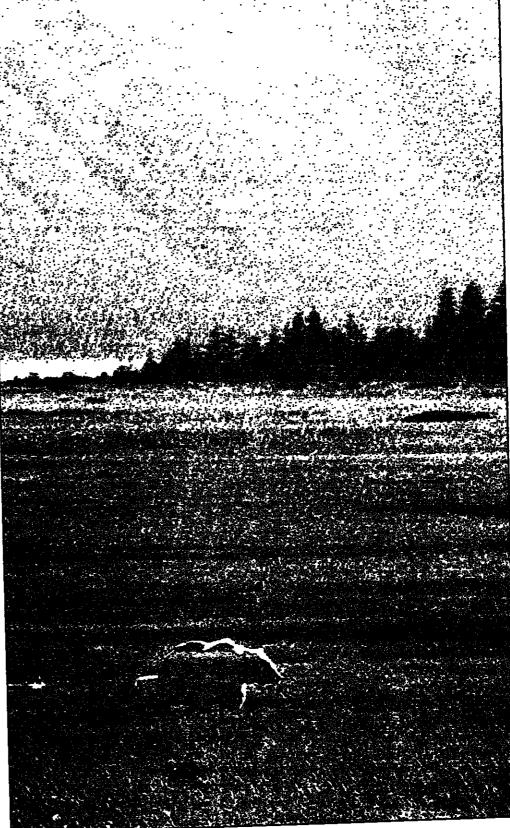
Only 10 permits are issued for each four-day permit period, guaranteeing that the number of travelers will be considerably overwhelmed by the bears.

Bear watchers camp two miles from the falls, and they need their own tent and provisions. They're escorted to the bear viewing area each day by ADF&G personnel, and though over 100 bears may use the falls in any given day, there has never been a human/bear incident at McNeil River.

Demand for the sanctuary is insatiable, and there's not much ADF&G can do about it. Virtually all of lower Cook Inlet's bays abound in bear, but none are likely to become new sanctuaries. "The biggest question is funding," said Aumiller. "How do we finance expansion of more McNeil's when most of our dollars come from hunting fees? No. you won't see any expansion soon."

And so, for any given traveler, the McNeil River experience is likely to remain once-in-a-lifetime. In 1987, a McNeil boar named Groucho ate a recorded 90 salmon in one day, and 1,012 over the entire season. McNeil, then, is a place where bears can be greedy.

The rest of us will have to share. The Tugboat Bears: Aboard the M/V Waters. In 39, Homer fishermen John Rogers; 45, Mike Yourkowski, 42, bought a 1944, 73-foot tugboat with-



out a firm notion of what to go w used for damage-assessment research following he 1989 Exxon Valdez spill, and for the long run, its own-

ers hoped that the tug might make a fishing tender. By 1993, however, the research had dried up, and commercial fishing had slowed. The Waters needed a

The Waters' research assignment had been to cruise the virgin coastline of recently-expanded Katmai National Park. And while four years of shuttling National Park Service researchers into these bear-thick estuaries found no damage from the spill, it did tutor the Waters' crew in the art of escorting people among a crowd of bears.

That, in turn, made the tug's next niche rather apparent: fly civilians across Cook Inlet from Homer for a few days, and show them the bears.

The Waters, 18-feet across the beam, was tailor made for the disagreeable waters of Shelikof Strait. and the strait's deep bays provided fine anchorage. From May 15 to September 15, the tug now prowls three adjacent bays-Kaflia, Kukak and Hallo-all within Katmai National Park, and all otherwise unnavigated, save an occasional commercial fishing boat or flightseer.

This is a primordial coast that overwhelms the occasional human eye, with the raw peaks of the Aleutian Range tumbling down to the rough North Pacific. Inside the sheltered bays, rough-hewn islands alight with puffins, cormorants and kittiwakes. It's the sheltered bays, rough hewn islands alight with puffins, cormorants and kittiwakes, It's the secret side of Katmai National Park that tourist's don't see, and probably don't know is there.

The tug's mobility virtually guarantees success, because it's always prime time somewhere in the vessel's range. The Waters catches the sedge-eating bears in the spring and the salmon catchers all summer. It visits the Hallo Bay bears digging for razor clams. Up

to six guests are shuttled to shore in the rug's skiffs for virtually non-stop intercourse with the local bruins. There are no viewing platforms in these bays; no regimenting bear police; and proximity is very much an ad hoc decision, influenced by escape routes and the apparent disposition of the bears in question.

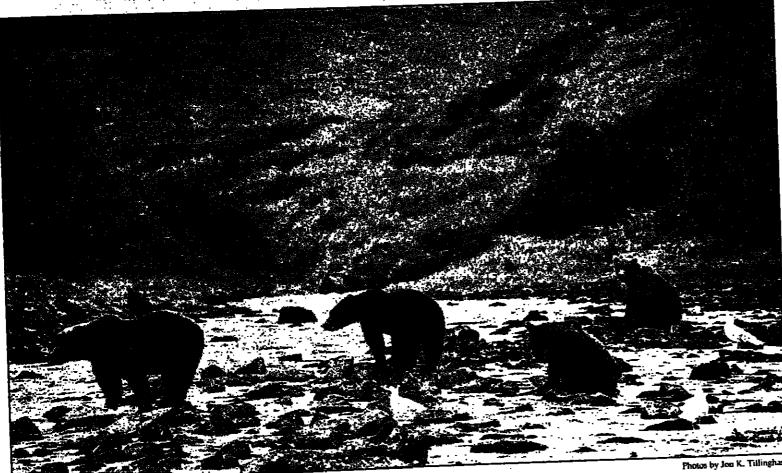
And nothing has ever gone wrong. The Waters three staterooms are cramped, of course, but this is not an indoor cruise. The three bays are two-hour's sailing apart, which is done during the harsh mid-day light. Each morning and evening always find the tug smartly anchored within a five-minute skiff ride of, in all likelihood, at least a dozen bears.

Rogers and Yourkowski will not grow fat from this enterprise. "It's a logistical nightmare." Rogers noted. "The remoteness, the weather-no, brown bear viewing is not something that's going to grow quickly out here." Rogers said.

Rogers is probably right, and so, for the foreseeable future, the Waters passengers will proably have the bears, and perhaps the most breath-stealing coastline in the national park system, pretty much to

The Autumn Bears: Battle River Wilderness Retreat. From the arrival float plane's cockpit, Battle River reminds one of a subarctic research outpost-a 20-by-20 green tarpaper kitchen, two plywood cabins and a radio untenna. That scene proves the first clause of one visitor's observation about Battle - one that Matt Conway has scrawled on the mess walls: "Battle: so little when you arrive, but so big when you leave."

Battle, indeed, grows larger each passing moment. Tucked in a rolling tundra valley in the interior of Katmai National Park. Battle commands a swath of real estate that stretches from the diamond-clear waters of Battle Lake and Battle River at the camp's foot, to the tops of distant mountain passes, it's all the private playground of the camp's 4-6 guests—some-



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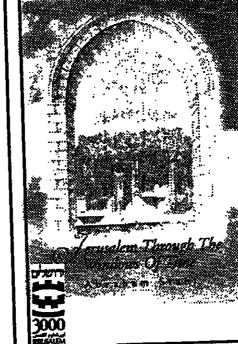
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op setting of Ol Malo in Kenya provides guests an unobstructed view of a game animals' watering bole as well as a swin

# Estates Offer An "Out Of Africa" Experience

By Mike Steere

**Universal Press Syndicate** 

"I had a farm in Africa, at the foot of the Ngong Hills.

The words of Isak Dinesen (nom de plume of Baroness Karen Blixen), opening her memoir of life in colonial Kenya, Out Of Africa, evoke a dream of knowing East Africa as home.

On some of the remaining European-owned farms and ranches in Kenya, it is still possible to experience the intimacy with Africa known by settlers of Dinesen's generation.

Indeed, one might bed down in a house owned by descendants of Dinesen's neighbors in a roomful of

the author's furniture and wake up with a giraffe at the

A former owner of Giraffe Manor got the furniture from the writer when she moved back to her native Denmark in 1932. Dinesen lived five miles away and was then the closest European to the manor.

The once-isolated manor, now a 120-acre preserve or a breeding population of endangered Rothso giraffes, is just eight miles from downtown Nairobi. It is the most city-like of a recently formed group of settler farms and ranches across Kenya that offer home stays that include a variety of outdoor adventures, from soft to challenging.

Far more remote than Giraffe Manor, but at least as posh, is Ol Malo, a 5,000-acre ranch and game sanctuary in Kenya's North East District. There, guests go animal-watching on camels and luxuriate in clifftop cottages overlooking a watering hole used by game. They also have their own "watering holes"-a

swimming pool and baths with a view in the cottages. By opening their homes, landowners offer a familial, intimate experience of Kenva. Owners, some of them third- or fourth-generation African-born Europeans, preside at meals and act as bush guides on

Accommodations range from rooms in grand tish-style estates, su guest houses and thatched-roof cottages and tent camps near farm and ranch complexes.

all-day outdoor adventures.

Some of the quarters are downright baronial, and home-stays often provide more freedom to roam and greater physical challenges, such as horseback rides and long hikes, than vehicle-borne group safaris.

The privacy and lack of regulations on private property is in sharp contrast to some group trips in beavily visited national parks, where movement away

from vehicles and camp is restricted. Whatever the activities, group size is usually small

because most of the homes have only a few rooms open to guests. Tent camps are also small.

An Atlanta-based company, Bush Homes of East Africa, has markets Kenyan adventures based on series of home stays. Some of the 15 settlers' farms represented by the company have accommodated paying guests for years. but others are recent entries in the tourism game.

Abercrombie & Kent International offers stays in a few of the Kenyan properties represented by Bush Homes. The company has also added estates in South Africa and Zimbabwe to its catalog trips and components of customized adventures.

The innovation created by Bush Homes, according to founder Phil Osborne, is offering central bookings and packaging custom trips built entirely around staying in a number of homes.

With properties next to Masai Mara Game Reserve and Tsavo National Park, near wildlands such as Samburu National Reserve, as well as on Indian Ocean beaches, a bush homes tour can be a complete experience of natural and cultural Kenya.

Osborne says his company concentrates on Kenya because the country has the most settlers' holdings in East Africa.

Thousands of Europeans left the country after the Mau Man Rebellion, a nationalist uprising in the 1950s. After independence in the 1963, the

government promoted the breakup of Europeanowned farms and ranches. But some 100 settlerowned properties survive.

Settler families are increasingly interested in tourism to get more hard cash out of land that is often lean and harsh, Osborne says.

For the Reverend John Cromartie, who stayed with his wife at Lewa Downs Ranch in the Northern Frontier District, the legacy of endurance was part of

"It was delightful to meet people who have chosen to stay, though a lot of difficulties and ramultuous times," Cromartie, an Atlanta, Georgia, Methodist minister, says,

An Africa-lover who likes his trips challengingbe made two ascents of Kilimanjaro two years running-Cromartie used the ranch as an R&R spot between the tough stuff. He, his wife and family have also stayed in tent camps on ranches and camped out on private property with a guide and cook. Bush Homes coordinated these adventures.

He, like others who have experienced home stays and group trips, found his time on private holdings ered a more personal contact with the land and

All of Africa's "Big Five"-lions, leopards, elephants, rhino and Cape buffalo-roam Lewa Downs. Concentrations of animals were smaller than those seen in big-name national preserves, but Cromartie says that freedom of movement and the isolation more than compensated. .

Group-trip visits to the Serengeti Plain and other famous wildlife-watching areas can, Cromartie says, seem "more like Busch Gardens in Florida than a real game preserve."

"This (Lewa Downs) is one of the places where

you can get really close to rhinos." he says.

While staying at the ranch he met Anna Merz. a crusader for the preservation of the endangered black rhino. Lewa Downs' 61,000 acres lie within the Ngari Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary, which Merz founded.

Mike Ivey, an Atlanta mortgage banker, did a 17day home-stay tour this year, part of which he spent at Lewa Ranch. He says his 1995 trip, compared to a 1994 group safari, was an adventure in freedom.

On game-watching drives, Bill Craig, whose grandfather founded Lewa Downs, let Ivey take the wheel when he felt like it. Ivey was even allowed to make short unescorted drives with fellow-guests.

Ivey says that longstanding contacts between settler families and native Kenyans made for more intimate cultural contact in villages less-visited by

He built in a break from intensive game-viewing at the posh Deloraine Estate, which has a celebrated string of polo ponies, and then wound down on the Indian Ocean beach at Takuangu House, about 30 miles north of Mombasa.

After vegging out. Ivey and his traveling companions snorkeled and went scuba diving, then went on a day-cruise aboard a ketch belonging to Charlotte and

By opening their homes, landowners offer a familial. intimate experience of Kenya.Owners preside at meals and act as bush guides on all-day outdoor adventures.

Philip Mason, who own a boat yard as well as the Arabstyle beach house, which has three guest bedrooms. Ivey's 17-day Kenyan adventure cost about \$5,000, airfare included, which is comparable to many non-custom group trips.

Ivey's daily land costs were about \$250, but Osborne says it's safer to plan on spending about \$300-\$350 a day, which allows for air transfers, instead of highway travel, and other upgrades. This is still less than high-end safaris, which can cost \$500 per person daily.

But price arithmetic can not do justice to an equation as complicated, and personal, as an African adventure. Those who crave independence and privacy can find more of what they want on home stays.

As Cromartie says, "I find Africa a very soulful experience. I don't want to be out with hordes of other people.

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and departures are times to high tide. The rate is \$2,500 per Chenik has a 10-week season, beginning in mid-June. Its

peak period is July.

Contact Mike and Diane McBride at Kachemak Bay Wildemess Lodge, China Poot Bay, Box 956, Homer, Alaska 99603: (001) 907/235-8910.

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There is no pre-set length to a Battle stay, though at least three days are recommended. Battleis \$1,500 per person, for three days air fare from Anchorage, Alaska, lodging, meals and private guiding. Contact: Battle River Wilderness Retreat. 2740 Huntington Road, Secramento, California 95864; (001) 916/488-7730.

#### Bear Essentials From page 3

thing akin to an exclusive charter of a national park. Thus, while the arriving visitor may at first seem disadvantaged, he quickly feels almost obscenely indulged by the wilderness bequethed to him alone.

The camp is leased and managed by Californian and long-time Katmai guide Tim Conway, 43, and is tended these days by brother Matt. 45. When the onetime bear hunting camp was closed by 1985. Conway entreated its owner for a chance to make a go of the place.

It was all done out of love for this humble outpast—nobody profits by flying in groceries and supplies 250 miles from Anchorage for maybe three guests. But the logic of all it becomes plain when one squats on the banks or arguably the clearest river in the state, and surveys the horirous of one of solitary man's last outposts.

Annually, it is also the last stop for Katmai's bears. The Battle River is one of the final spawning grounds for the sockeye salmon that pour into Katmai from Bristol Bay. The salmon begin arriving in late August, and the bears follow. By Labor Day, simply squatting on the lawn at camp will usually yield 10-15 different bears.

Battle is a place for uncontrived bear viewing. "We do sate, close-contact photography here,"

Ironically, the Conways often find themselves closing the camp during peak bear season. because Alaska tourists shun September. The tourists are fools. In September, the days are often clear and crisp; the bugs have died in the first frost; and the tundra is painted in purple. pink and crange. Battle is an obscure camp that stanes during an obscure season, and in that it finds its ultimate charm.

Even the small camp itself acquits itself, and its sense of home settles in every visitor's heart. The line between guest and staff vanishes at the first meal, and the barbequed steaks, endless pancakes and blueberry surprise melts the fear of hardship that shrouds the arrival.

Battle, in sum, is the good life, and the 1000 pound blond bear diving for blood-red sockeye across the bank becomes almost an afterthought. There are mountains everywhere, and Alaska holds no monopoly on glaciers. Caribou are just arctic deer. Truth is, nothing defines Alaska's singularity like the brown bear, and as Aumiller, who is no Polyanna, reassures us: "overall,

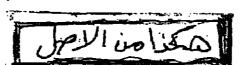
Alaska's bears are doing pretty well." There is, of course, much more to Alaska--human and natural-than brown bears. The best brown bear picture isn't full frame. The canvass needs a background, specially painted to meet the different dreams of different travelers. And there is no better gallery anywhere in that regard than that offered by the good folk along Alaska's bear coast.

Jon K. Tillinghast is an Alaska-based freelance



Photo courtesy of the Alaska Touri

Visitors can view bears in their natural habitat in Katmai National Park and Reserve in southwest Alaska.



# Locking out the busybody

RUTHIE BLUM



EAR Ruthie,

Visiting Jerusalem for a year, my wife and I rented a furnished apartment. During the early miles of our tenancy, our landlady

would frequently come to access some of her belongings, kept in a locked room of the apartment. This she did when we were home, and on other occasions while we were out

At the suggestion of some Israeli friends, we changed the lock, so as to maintain our privacy. Our land-lady has now demanded that we give her a key. Our lease makes no mention of any obligation on out part to provide a key for the owner (nor any prohibition on changing the locks).

We are quite willing to provide access for reasonable inspections, but is there some general law which requires that we give her a key, or are we within our rights to withhold it? If we must give her a key, are there any measures we can take to help us maintain our privacy? Locking Out the Landlady

Dear LOL, For legal advice, you'll have to

contact a lawyer. But, regardless of the statutory status of your landlady, her lack of common courtesy needs addressing. Even if you are eventually forced to give the "busybody" a key to the castle, she should be told in no uncertain terms to coordinate her visits in advance.

In view of the fact that she has not felt uneasy about invading your privacy before, however, she is not likely to undergo a miraculous transformation now.

You could resort to threats of finding another apartment. If the terms of your contract prevent you from taking such-action, lock up valuables in a cupboard, and bide your time until the end of your

Meanwhile, try leaving her little notes in strategically-located places. This might shame her into staying away.

I have an elderly great-suicle ... Jerusalem. very wealthy – who was diagnosed have always been fond of this relative, and over the years have visit-

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ed him many times. He has no family of his own, and my brother and I are his only living relatives. My brother, who has never taken

the slightest interest in our uncle, suddenly has become an "indispensable" companion Unfortunately, I am sure that he is just "sucking up" in order to be remembered in our uncle's will. I hinted as much to my brother, but he refuses to discuss it. Should I go behind his back and speak to my

uncle about it?

Will Woeful Denver, Colorado

Dear WW, First examine your motivation both in relation to your brother and in relation to your made - for wishing to interfere.

Are you afraid of being upstaged by your sibling? Are monetary considerations playing a role in your own concern for your uncle? Or do you have a dying man's best interests at heart? Whatever your introspection reveals, you're probably better off steering clear of interven-

It is your brother's prerogative to "suck up" to a rich man in his final hour. If the "victim" cannot recognize the ploy for what it is, that is his prerogative.

For your own peace of mind - including if it entails possible forfeiting or sharing of inheritance money - you will be better off emotionally if you remain consistent in the affection you have dis-

played to your relative all along. Any other course of action is liable to stir an unnecessary storm. And will not necessarily lead to the result you desire.

I'm a light sleeper, and my husband snores. I'm always hot at night, and my husband sleeps under a heavy qualt. How can I ever get a good night's sleep?

Pooped Partner Chicago, Illinois

Dear PP, Ear-plugs, separate blankets, and the conviction that marriage to this man is what you generally want, during "daytime" waking hours.

Dear Ruthie, '14 12 10 20 Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 I have an elderly great incle ... Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il (Ruthie with cancer a few months ago. I regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter but will answer every letter received.)

# US declassifies war work of code-breakers

HE release of more than a million pages of newly declassified documents provided the public with a rare chance to look this month at the work of US code-breakers through two

Much of the work shows columns of figures used in the massive effort to break German and Japanese codes, often with remarkable success.

Perhaps the most significant breakthrough discussed in the documents is the Zimmermann telegram, which was intercepted and decoded by British naval intelligence in 1917 and was a major factor in US entry into World War L

The telegram was sent on January 16, 1917, by Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign minister, to a German official in

Mexico City.

Af the time, the United States was remaining neutral in the war raging in Europe

in a classified account written in 1938, William Friedman, the war department's chief cryptanalyst, called its interception and decoding the most important of all time, either in war or peace."

Zimmermann informed the German minister in Mexico that the government was about to undertake unrestricted submarine warfare against shipping bound for England and France. He also directed the minister to sound out Mexican authorities on the prospects for Mexico's allying itself with Germany against the US.

Mexico's benefit from such an alliance, suggested Zimmermann, would be regaining control over Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Publication of the telegram caused a furor in the US. President Wilson broke diplomatic relations with Germany and within months the US entered the war on the side of Britain and France.

Friedman said code-breakers were aided by the fact that Germany was forced by its isolated position to resort to wireless communication, preventing changes of

the code books More typical was the handwritten note dated April 3, 1943, from the military attache in the US embassy

in Madrid, reporting that the Germans in that neutral capital were "operating a clandestine radio station in Madrid during the past two months."

Another report said "a carrier pigeon in a condition of exhaustion was found in Ozone Park, Long Island, on January 29, 1942. This pigeon has a message attached to its leg which reads as follows:

"Je aime vous me petit dovel fri 30 - 119 degrees north - 35 degrees west - 3 oil (or ocl) P -23 - QX -5369 (last digit may be 4). The message contained a German swastika."

The message - "I love you, my little dove" - was not translated. Attached to the report was a handwritten note saying "think it has something to do with the location of a ship."

THE ABILITY of Allied intelligence to penetrate the inner councils of the Nazi regime was illustrated by a report on "The Schomsteinfeger Project."

"In June 1943 a conference was apparently called in Berlin... at the instigation of Adm. [Karl] Doenitz for the purpose of presenting the problem of protecting U Boats against allied radar," said the report. It noted that the project was named "Schornsteinfeger" or

Chimney Sweep. The intelligence report said the meeting discussed various possible techniques for developing what would have amounted to radareluding stealth submarines.

They did not always get it right. A 1943 Office of Strategic Services assessment of China described Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek as having "unrivaled personal loyalty" and as "the strongest integrating force in Chinese political life. Within six years, the communist forces led by Mao Tse-tung had taken control and Chiang had fied to

Another set of documents discusses the use of Navaho Indians by the US Marine Corps during the Second World War to send and receive radio messages in their language to keep the Japanese from understanding intercepted communications.

(AP, Reuter)



# IAI tries to bounce back after US decision on Hunter

IX years ago. Israel Aircraft Industries unveiled a project that the company believed would bring it into the promised land of milk and profit. The wonder product was a two-engine unmanned airplane that could travel dozens of kilometers into enemy territory and send back pictures of troop deployment, weapon positions, anything else

on the ground. The plane was called Hunter. It was small, light, and could stay up in the air for hours. The worst the enemy could do was shoot it down. There would be no pilot to take prisoner. The Pentagon was

Earlier this year, the dream ended. The Hunter, after several poor performances and bureaucratic wrangling within the Pentagon, was canceled. All in all, the US Army obtained only a handful of Hunters.

But the story doesn't end there. IAI has found out that Hunter, has retained an international appeal. In other words, the company's market for unmanned aerial vehicles doesn't end with the

IAI executives say Hunter is being discovered in other areas of the world, as well as being used currently, along with other UAVs, in Operation Grapes of Wrath. France, for example, has signed a contract for the purchase of the system, which industry sources say is small, less than \$50 million. But the potential is in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Moreover, IAI is negotiating the sale of Hunter with several umamed countries in East Asia. In addition, IAI is bidding to sell a relative of Hunter to Britain.

"We have a very good system and even a country as particular as France believes that Hunter is superior to what it has seen," an IAI executive says.

IAI says it learned the lessons from its mistakes on the Hunter and is now working on plans for other UAVs, Steve Rodan writes

Company executives say IAI's Malat division had \$100 million in sales in 1995 and it expects that figure to grow this year despite the termination of Hunter. In all, the Pentagon spent \$667 million for seven Hunter systems and their logistic supports.

Aharon Klieman, a political sci-

ence professor at Tel Aviv University whose expertise is the arms market, says that IAI's decision to promote its UAVs is an intelligence move.

"In terms of the 21st Century, UAVs comprise one of the most promising areas," he says. "It's a market that is growing, particularly in East Asia." A UAV system is composed of

the air vehicle, fixed wing airmaterial and fitted with television cameras and communications relays. Directing the UAV is a ground station, which tracks, controls, and communicates with the vehicle. IAI executives have reviewed

the six-year program and believe they won't make the same mistakes next time. Today, they say they better understand the new requirements of the US military as well as of running a major pro-Hunter was a UAV pioneer.

Unlike its predecessors, it is big, 7 meters long with a 9.5 meter wingspan. It has a maximum range of 125 kilometers and can fly at an altitude of 5,000 meters and remain in the air for eight

IAI executives, realizing that they need an American contractor with a reputation in the Pentagon. chose one of the biggest in US, TRW, based in San Diego, California.

In 1989, the IAI-TRW team submitted its bid for a Pentagon contract to develop and manufac-ture a short-range UAV for the US Army. Its competitor was the defense giant McDonnell Douglas, makers of the F-15.

The fortunes of the Hunter seemed even brighter after the 1991 Gulf war. During the war, US forces had used IAI's older

short-range drone, the Pioneer. In 1992, the IAI-TRW team beat out McDonnell for the supply of seven UAV systems. Under the terms of the Pentagon contract, IAI-TRW would develop the UAV in preparation for a Defense Department decision to both the Army and Navy with Hunters, a contract that would exceed \$1 billion.

The Pentagon eventually approved a \$4.3 billion program for robotic spy planes and planned on buying 400 Hunters from IAI.

Industry sources close to the program say the program was plagued by mismanagement that centered on the relationship between IAI and TRW. IAI was the sole manufacturer of Hunter and TRW had no experience in UAVs. On the other hand, TRW, which won numerous contracts, believed that it didn't need any help in dealing with the US mili-

These are hard-headed businessmen," says Klieman, an American native. "They're not dealing with Israeli companies out of Zionist sympathies."

By 1993, Pentagon officials were complaining that the Hunter

program was being mismanaged. The problems were compounded by technical difficulties, usual in development program but now amplified because of the constant

carping.

Sources both at IAI and TRW say they eventually overcame their misunderstandings. Over the last 18 months, they say, the program was managed smoothly and with an agreement on strategy. In all, the Hunter flew 4,600 hours.

Pentagon seemed to have lost its patience with Hunter. In March 1995, the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, issued a report critical of Hunter.

BUT BY THAT time, the

The GAU cited a series of crashes and performance problems in the program. Its conclusion was that Hunter was not logistically supportable.

Last October, the Pentagon agreed. A Pentagon committee headed by Defense Department weapons procurement chief Paul Kaminski recommended that Hunter be terminated.

industry experts say the Pentagon's decision reflects a new approach toward acquisition, in which it feels no compunction over switching contraciors during a development pro-

But the Pentagon decided that another UAV might be able to do the job better than Hunter. For at least the next year, the Pentagon decided to speed investment in the Predator, developed by General Atomics Aeronautics. with a range of 300 kilometers and 40 hours' flying time.

For its part, IAI is drawing lessons from the Hunter program in the US. One is the need for excellent management and coordination, particularly in dealing with a huge bureaucracy like the Pentagon.

Another is the need to shorten the research and development period. In 1989, Hunter was alone in its field as a short-range UAV compatible with providing intelligence on the corps level. Today, there are several models, some of them cheaper than the \$30 million price tag of the Hunter system.

"Six years is simply too long to maintain a development program in the US given the new accent on the fast-track approach to production," an IAI source says.

IAI executives, however, hold great promise for its UAV division. The company has developed several models. Its latest is the Eye-View, a close-range tactical UAV intended for field troops at the front tines

Executives say Eye-View is the result of its lessons from the Hunter program. At 90 kilograms and with a 4-meter wingspan, Eye-View is much smaller and lighter than Hunter. It is also less than a quarter the

Moreover, IAI executives are hoping to return to the Pentagon with the Eye-View. Already, the company is developing a larger model that would be compatible for both military and civilian

But the competition will be tougher than it was in 1989. Klieman, however, cites

Israel's 20 years of experience in UAVs. IAI alone has seven models of UAVs.

"Israel has a lead in the field," Klieman says. "If it could maintain that lead, it will continue to have a big advantage in anything regarding UAVs."

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# French doctors strike as welfare reforms passed

PARIS (Reuter) - France's cabinet pushed through three welfare reforms yesterday to complete a painful overhaul of the ailing social security system as doctors staged a protest strike.

Prime Minister Alain Juppe's government adopted the three decrees, aimed at cutting the ballooning welfare deficit, in a plan watered down by concessions made to end 24 days of public sector stoppages against the reforms in late 1995.

"The reform has begun, It's a great reform. It will only succeed if everyone contributes," Social Affairs Minister Jacques Barrot told reporters after a meeting of the center-right cabinet.

The reforms, which need to be formally ratified by parliament, rein in and reform hospital spending, give the government a greater say over social security funding to the detriment of unions and impose sanctions on

doctors who overspend. In a lingering show of bitter opposition, many doctors abandoned their consulting rooms for a 24-hour strike, saying the reforms may wreck France's generous medical system and turn them into accountants.

"Doctor on strike" met many patients at waiting rooms, while some doctors gave free consultations. In a part of northern France, doctors rerouted phone calls to emergency medical services, swamping them with calls about coughs and colds.

About 100 doctors demonstrated in Paris.

The decrees mark the first major reform since President Jacques Chirac came to power a year ago. The cuts in the social security deficit will help France qualify

currency from 1999. Chirac praised Juppe for "bringing the ship to port in the best way," government spokesman Alain Lamassoure said.

Chirac insisted the government "did not depart one iota from the objectives nor the ambitions of the reform. Its political will did not weaken despite what some feared or sometimes hoped," Lamassoure said.

The government, reckoning that overprescribing doctors are creating a nation of pill-poppers, will sanction doctors whose spending rises more than 2.1 percent in 1996.

Barrot said their spending rose by about 5% last year.

The three striking unions - the Syndicat des Medecins Liberaux, the Federation des Medecins de France and the Confederation des Syndicats Medicaux de France - estimated that 50% of their members were on strike.

But the biggest doctors' union, MG-France, refused to take part in the strikes against the reforms, part of a wider plan to curb the deficit of the system funding health care, family allowances and pensions.

"General practitioners have a lot more to gain from this reform than to lose," Richard Bouton, head of MG-France said.

In previous decrees, the government forced through the most unpopular element of the reforms, a 0.5% tax on most income to repay the accumulated debts of the welfare system.

The government has admitted that the 1996 deficit of the social security system could be FR 30 billion against its original forecast

# Boeing plans to add 8,200 jobs this year

First rise in number of employees since '89

SEATTLE (Reuter) - In the latest sign of the aerospace industry's rising fortunes, Boeing Co. said it plans to increase its work force by about 8,200 this year, marking the first time it has added jobs since 1989.

Boeing, the world's largest airplane manufacturer, said in a statement it has added about 2,700 jobs since January 1, bringing its current employment to about 108,000.

By year-end the work force is expected to grow to more than

Bill Whitlow, an analyst for Pacific Crest Securities, said the hiring plans were more aggressive than he had expected as Boeing ramps up production to meet ris-

ing demand for its jets. Boeing said last month it would raise production to 27 jets a month by mid-1997 from about

18.5 currently, but analysts had expected Boeing to add only about 5,000 jobs this year, Whitlow said.

recession began in 1990, Boeing repeatedly has slashed its work force from a peak of 166,000.

Since a deep airline industry

Last year the company cut about 12,000 jobs, mostly through its first-ever early retirement program.

But the cyclical industry began turning up last year, when Boeing announced orders for 346 jets valued at \$31 billion, compared with 120 jets valued at less than \$8b. in 1994.

Already this year Boeing has announced orders for 180 new jets valued at nearly \$15b.

One cloud on Boeing's horizon is the deteriorating US relationship with China, a lucrative potential market that Boeing has

Last week after Europe's Airbus Industrie won an order from China for 33 new jets, Boeing commercial airplane group President Ron Woodard warned that the worsening US-China relationship posed a threat to the company's business.

Boeing said about 6,700 jobs would be added this year in Washington state, 1,900 in Wichita, Kansas, and about 400 m other Boeing locations.

Employment will decline by 700 at Boeing's Philadelphia helicopter division and by 100 at its missiles and space unit in Huntsville, Alabama, the company

Boeing officials have said that because of improvements in efficiencies, they never expect employment to return to the peak levels of the 1980s. .

#### **WORLD BRIEFS**

NYNEX Corp., Bell Atlantic agree to giant merger: NYNEX Corp. and Bell Atlantic Corp. announced a merger valuing NYNEX at \$22 billion, one of the largest mergers ever, creating the second-biggest telecommunications company in the US. Based on 1995 results, the combined company – named Bell Atlantic - will have 133,000 employees, \$27.8b. in annual revenue and a market value of \$52.2b.

Lebanon economic activity down in February: Lebanon's economic activity slowed down in February for the second month this year, the central bank announced. The Bank of Lebanon said its coincident indicator of economic activity dropped to 150.2 in February from 155.9 the previous month. The indicator stood at 166.9 in December. The report covered February and therefore did not mention what impact the IDF retaliatory attacks on Lebanon would have.

Hollinger takes full control of 'Daily Telegraph': Hollinger International Inc., the newspaper group run by Canadian businessman Courad Black, said yesterday it will buy out the minority shareholders of Telegraph PLC in a deal that values the British company at £763 million.

Hollinger already owns 64 percent of Telegraph, which publishes The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph and has a stake in the Australian publisher John Fairfax Holdings Ltd. Hollinger said it will buy out the remaining 36% of Telegraph for 560 pence per share, plus a dividend of 10 pence per share. Hollinger owns 397 non-dailies and 137 dailies, including the Chicago Sun-Times and The Jerusalem Post.

Bundesbank urges countries to cut more fiscal fat: Germany's central bank urged governments to cut more fiscal fat as recent reduction efforts were insufficient to secure lasting economic growth. Even at times of sluggish economic growth, nations must work relentlessly on consolidating fiscal policy, the Bundesbank said in its 1995 report, released yesterday.

Iraq-UN 'oil for food' talks recess until early May: Troubled talks between Iraq and the United Nations on an oil-for-food plan were suspended yesterday and will enter a fourth round in New York early next month, both sides said. No exact date has yet been set but UN spokesman Ahmad Fawzi said the negotiations would resume around May 6 or soon thereafter.

# Doctors urge divestment of tobacco investments

WASHINGTON (Renter) - The American Medical Association (AMA) has urged investors to divest stocks tied to what it called the "ruinous and enslaving" tobacco industry.

The influential professional association of doctors identified 13 companies that manufacture tobacco products, and 1,474 mutual funds that invest in those companies' stocks or bonds.

"How can we allow any of our hard-earned money to support any portion of the tobacco industry?" said Dr. Randolph Smoak, a surgeon from South Carolina and AMA secretary-treasurer.

Reading a statement from the group, he called tobacco a "ruinous and enslaving product that has brought misery, disease, anguish and death" and urged "all people interested in the health and welfare of our children" to shun tobacco investments.

The AMA said it had written to all the 7,000 mutual funds traded in the US and asked them to pledge not to invest in tobacco in the future. Presently, about one in five of the funds has tobaccorelated holdings.

"When tobacco is no longer

profitable, when children no longer are exposed or succurab to cartoon tobacco enticements and when this country's investors re-fuse to take dividends from an industry whose product causes suffering and addiction, then these American companies will join the realm of responsible corporate citizens," Smoak said.

The announcement came as part of a series of briefings on tobacco-related research - including the latest advice on quitting smoking - that the AMA held in Washington Tuesday.

The doctors' group urged "all institutions and individuals [to] review their assets." It recommended selling off shares in the listed stocks and either selling the mutual funds or advising the mutual fund managers "that tobacco holdings should be sold and are not acceptable investments."

A spokesman for the Tobacco Institute, an industry group, declined to comment on the recommendations on divestment.

The AMA divested its own tobacco-related stocks a decade ago, and several other prominent health organizations also did so in

#### **Negotiations begin today** to restructure Russia's debt

PARIS (Reuter) - Russia and the Paris Club of creditor nations are due to begin talks today amid optimism that a long-term deal would be reached on restructuring the former communist country's debts to

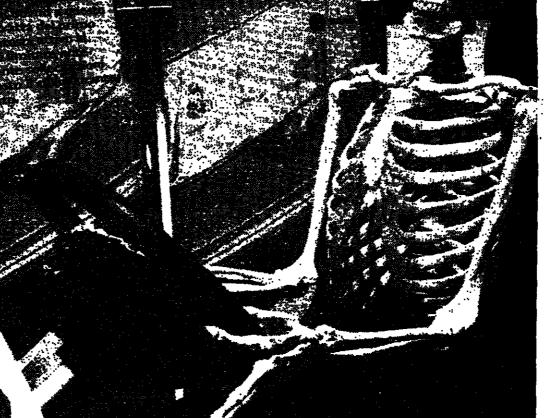
The German government vesterday declined to confirm a report in one of the country's newspapers that Russia and the Paris Club would conclude a framework accord this weekend to reschedule \$40 billion of Russian debt. But it said it was hopeful. "I can't say anything on details." a spokeswoman for the German

Finance Ministry said, but added, "it does appear to look quite good." Russia's debt to the 18-member Paris Club is estimated at \$45b., but not all of that was expected to be covered by the rescheduling. The report in the daily Boersen-Zeitung said the Paris Club would

years before repayment started. Russia - which inherited the debts of the old Soviet Union - worked out a short-term debt rescheduling agreement with the Paris Club late last year. Now it is seeking a long-term package that would mean it

would not have to come back for fresh debt relief.

allow a maximum of 20 years to repay the debt and would allow six



A skeleton sits in a Saab car seat at the international auto exhibition in Turin, Italy yesterday. The skeleton is being used to demonstrate a new Saab mobile head-rest concept, which they claim should lessen neck injuries. The 66th edition of the auto show is hosting some 200 exhibitors. (Reuter)

### GM earnings in 1st quarter fall 51% to \$1b., hurt by strike

WORLD COMPANY RESULTS

DETROIT (Reuter) - General Motors Corp. said profits fell 51 percent in the first quarter to \$1 billion after a 17-day strike at two Ohio brake plants crippled its North American production.

The results wrapped up a weak quarter for the Detroit automakers, except for Chrysler Corp. As a group, GM, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler earned \$2.68b. in the quarter, down from \$4,15b. in the 1995 quarter.

GM said the strike, which forced the company to idle 26 of its 29 assembly plants, reduced first-quarter profit by \$900 million.

But analysts said GM's earnings of \$1.02b, in the quarter, equal to 94 cents a share, would have fallen from year-ago levels even without the strike. GM, the



world's biggest automaker, \$4.5 billion.

earned \$2.10b., or \$2.44 a share, in the 1995 quarter.

Excluding the effects of the strike and a \$72m. gain from the sale of a 2.5% stake in Hughes Electronics' satellite broadcasting unit, GM would have carned about \$1,85b. in the first quarter.

"It was a soft quarter," said PaineWebber analyst Michael Ward. "Volume was going to be down with or without the strike, but the strike overshadowed everything."

The results failed to exceed Wali Street's expectations, unlike Chrysler Corp.'s strong \$1b. profit for the quarter, which was up from \$496m. a year ago. Ford's earnings fell to \$653m. in the period from \$1.55b. a year earlier, but still exceeded analysts' estimates.

Walt Disney Co. has reported a \$25m. loss for its second quarter, reflecting expenses related to its acquisition of Capital Cities/ABC and writedowns for its theme

park properties. The giant entertainment company said the charges, which totalled \$525m., reduced net income for the three months ended in March to a loss of \$25m., or four cents a share, from a profit of \$316m., or 60 cents a share, a

Revenues rose 54 percent to

Without the charges, Disney would have earned \$268m., or 47 cents a share, in its second fiscal

Nearly half of the non-cash charges, or \$225m., stemmed from Disney's \$19b. acquisition of Cap Cities/ABC in February, which transformed Burbank, California-based Disney into the world's largest entertainment

company.

\$300m, non-cash charge for implementing a new method of accounting for long-lived assets. mostly at its theme parks.

"There's a modest ammount of confusion due to the redesign of their financial reporting status," said Seidler Co. analyst Jeffrey Logsdon.

He said Disney's decision to include its consumer products division with filmed entertainment in a newly formed unit called Creative Content further complicated comparisons.

The division, which includes Disney's film studio, home video and television production operations, as well as proceeds from its chain of Disney retail stores, reported a 37% drop in operating earnings from the year-ago

Netscape Communications Corp. said its first-quarter profits soared to \$4.7m., or six cents a share, from \$2.4 million, or three cents a share, a year earlier. Revenues jumped to \$55m. from \$5.4m. a year ago and from \$40.6m. in the three months to

December 31. The company went public last August at \$28 a share and soared near \$165 before a two-for-one stock split approved in January this year.

During the latest quarter, it began shipping the latest version of its popular Netscape Navigator, In addition, Disney took a including a version that offers personal Internet publishing software.

> Lucent Technologies Inc., the communications equipment business soon off from AT&T Corp., said it lost \$103 million in its first quarter - which was at the lower end of the loss range it predicted when it went public this month.

The new company, which launched its initial public offering on April 4, said the costs of becoming independent and increased research and development spending contributed to the first quarter loss, which equalled 16 cents a share.

Lucent said the loss compared to a loss of \$22 million, or 3 cents a share, a year ago. It calculated those figures as though its stock had been issued during the 1995

# EU ministers reluctant to tighten TV quotas

BOLOGNA (Reuter) - EU culture ministers are reluctant to tamper with a hard-won compromise over legislation limiting the number of foreign programs shown on European television, Italian Telecommunications Minister Agostino Gambino said yesterday.

The ministers are under pressure from the European Parliament to tighten existing quotas and expand them to new services such as video-on-demand.

But they agreed at an informal meeting in Bologna that it would be difficult to start unraveling the deal they struck last November to stick with flexible rules in the "TV without frontiers" directive, Gambino told a news conference. "Everybody is rather wor-

compromise is changed in any way, the whole thing could fall apart." The ministers also asked the European Commission, the EU executive, to rework a proposal to set up a loan guarantee fund worth 200 million European cur-

ried." he said. "If the November

port European television and film productions. The commission believes the fund could attract more than \$1 billion in investments.

rency units (\$250 million) to sup-

Gambino said Culture Commissioner Marcelino Oreja would present a management plan with details about how the fund would

work and what criteria would be used to determine who had access said. to it - and would indicate how ready the banking sector was to

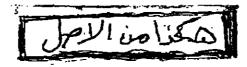
Some of the smaller EU countries expressed concern at the meeting that they would lose out

support it.

on the money, an EU official

France - a strong advocate of measures to dilute Hollywood's influence in Europe - lost a fight to make the quotas mandatory. although it beat back an attempt to limit them to 10 years.

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# EU states to demand extra beef market aid next week

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - European Union member states are expected to demand extra aid on Monday to support the beef market following a collapse in sales due to a health scare over mad cow disease, an Italian EU Presidency official said.

"We expect further requests from EU member states for market support and help to restore consumer confidence," said the official, referring to a two-day meeting of EU farm ministers starting in Luxembourg on Monday.

France and Germany, which have been hard hit by plunging beef prices, are expected to be among those seeking EU Support.

But the main focus will be on Britain and its plans for the selective compulsory slaughter of animals or herds most likely to have eaten infected meat and bone meal, officials said.

Britain has pledged to present details by Tuesday.

Britain is due to discuss its the details with the European Com-

mission and the Italian Presidency over lunch on Monday.

The Italian official said the EU Presidency had no specific information about the plan or when it will be revealed.

But he noted there had been detailed discussions between Britain and the European Commission.

Farm Commissioner Franz Fischler is due to report on implementation of measures agreed at an emergency meeting of EU farm ministers in Luxembourg from April 1-3.

The EU then agreed to contribute 70 percent of the cost of compensation to British farmers for slaughtering animals over 30 months of age. The annual cost to the EU budget of slaughtering some 800,000 British cattle was estimated at 320 million Ecus.

The EU also agreed to buy 50,000 tonnes of beef into intervention stores in April. This was completed on Tuesday. The commission may, if need-

ed, propose extra support measures for calves from grass-fed

that there was little left in the EU budget for extra support

But the Italian official warned

#### UK: Lifting of EU ban likely to be step by step

-LONDON (Reuter) - Britain said yesterday it foresaw that the European Union ban on its beef exports may be lifted gradually and that a total removal of restrictions could be some way off. "It may well be that we will move step by step," Agriculture

Minister Douglas Hogg said after a meeting with Prime Minister John Major and officials of British farming unions. Government officials were reluctant to expand on Hogg's

But Major last week spoke of what he called absurd aspects of the ban, such as that it applied to calves born after Britain introduced new rules to ensure cattle feed was safe and to herds which had always fed on grass.

The EU has banned British beef and livestock exports across the world after the identification of a likely link between Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy - mad cow disease - and the human brain-wasting Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

The ban has angered British ministers, with Major calling it "unjustifiable" following the introduction of British measures to tighten up on the composition of cattle feed and the slaughtering

# herds, suckler cows, steers and

# EC blocks Gencor, Lonrho from merging their platinum businesses

BRUSSELS (Renter) - The European Commission, fearful of handing the world's lucrative plasimum market to just two producers, blocked South Africa's Gencor and Britishbased Lonrho yesterday from merging their platinum businesses,

In unusually blunt terms, it also warned platinum giant Anglo Americanit would face the same fate were it to try to take control of

European Competition Commissioner Karel Van Miert said there was no alternative to banning the deal, as it would have left the platinum market in the hands of two big players and possibly one if Anglo American corrently the world's largest supplier - increased its Lonrho stake.

It was only the fifth time the commission had blocked a merger since it was given the right, in 1990, to vet all major corporate mergers or takeovers that affect the 15-nation

ırg. Gencor's İmpala Plati-

But Louino's former chief Tiny Rowland, Russia is also a major supplier with 23% of bitter fight with new chief executive Dieter from stocks.

"It is very good for shareholders, because it was a bad deal," Rowland's spokesman said in

Bock struck a deal in April to give Anglo American an option to buy his 18.4 percent stake in Lourho.

The commission said that allowing the Gencor-Lonhro merger would have created a

The merger between Gencor and Lonhro would have enabled these two companies to be equal in the platinum market with... South African group Anglo American Platinum Corporation," the commission said in a

Gencor and Lonrho together would have controlled 28% of the platinum market, the commission said.

Anglo American has a 35% share of the world's production through its subsidiary Rustenburg Platinum Holdings. The three South African mining giants control 90% of the world reserves in the highly priced metal.

who left the company in March 1995 after a the total world output, but about half comes

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"The Russians have only 10% of the world reserves, and the reduction in their stock levels which they have started in 1990 should reduce their stocks to almost zero by the end of the century," it said.

At a news conference, Van Miert issued the warning to Anglo American.

"If ever, and this is a warning, Anglo-American should acquire control of Lonrho, we would have the same problem," he said in a reference to Anglo's stake in Lonrho and its moves to increase it.

If this was to happen the commission would have to assess whether Anglo American would gain effective control of Lonrho, or whether the increased stake could give rise to coordinated anti-competitive behavior.

Van Miert implied that the commission could not find a way of making changes to the deal that would have allowed it to be approved, because of a lack of cooperation between the two merging companies.

"We never had a chance to discuss remehe said. "A rendez-vous fixed with Gencor's chief executive officer had to be put off because the shareholders of Lonrho did not want him to see me."

# London slumps as electricity sector mergers blocked

#### **WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP**

LONDON (Reuter) - London stocks closed lower yesterday after the British government surprisingly blocked two electricity sector mergers, but the Milan bourse shrugged aside early profit-taking to finish strongly once

British Trade and Industry Minister Ian Lang said the takeover of two regional electricity companies (RECs) by power generators National Power and PowerGen was against the public interest and could pose "significant detriments" to competition.

Since London's strength this year has been fueled by bids and bid speculation, the announcement caused prices to slump.

"Ian Lang really spoiled the party," one London dealer said. "One or two people are run-ning for cover," said another.

"The RECs held center stage in the bid speculation which has been driving this market." The FTSE index of leading

British shares, which had earlier touched 3,843.8, ended down 15.4 points at 3,817.6.

The Milan bourse moved in the opposite direction. In early business it fell one per-

cent as investors cashed in profits notched up since the victory of the center-left alliance in Sunday's general election. But buyers quickly returned,

and the Mib30 index ended 117 points, or 0.75%, higher at The Paris bourse's CAC-40 Index touched its highest level of

the year at 2,127.63 and ended 0.48% higher at 2,122.10. Dealers said the prospect of a French interest rate cut today was

a big factor behind the rise. Volume was boosted by a block trade involving 0.92% of

The group's foreign expansion strategy should help it weather 3.3759 per mark on Tuesday, fell

almost FR 1 billion worth of

sector, analysts said after meeting company executives last week.

The shares ended FR 29 up at 3,896 after touching a 1996 high of 3,946. In the currency markets, the

mark briefly dropped through 70 yen in Far East trading but recovered to 70.20 by the European

The mark still looked vulnerable in the medium term, however, analysts said.

One British bank dealer said capital flows out of German bonds and into Japanese government bonds were likely to pick up, which would keep the pressure on the mark.

A rally in Japanese shares was also positive for the yen - the Nikkei index closed at a four-year

high yesterday. The dollar touched a 14-month high against the mark at 1.5245 marks but slipped to 1.5215 by

the close. Dealers said there was no real reaction to a stronger-than-expected rise in March US durable

goods. "As far as investors are concerned, they're generally biased against the mark, a bit pro-dollar, and iffy [undecided] on the yen." said Tony Norfield, an economist

at ABN-Amro in London. The mark has also been sliding against the lira since the Italian election at the weekend.

Center-left leader Romano Prodi, who is likely to be Italy's next prime minister, said that a rate of between 1,000 and 1,050 lire to the mark would be an appropriate level at which the lira could rejoin Europe's Exchange Rate Mechanism, something he has pledged to make a priority.

The lira traded calmly toward the middle of that range, ending the capital of retailer Carrefour - at 1,021 per mark against 1,023 on Tuesday.

The French franc, which zoomed to a 33-month high of the weakness in the French retail back slightly to 3.3790.

#### Dow falls sharply WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Blue-chip stocks fell sharply yesterday, but technology issues rallied again, lifting the Nasdaq market to its fifth straight record, after another encouraging earnings report by a computer industry bellwether.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 34.69 points to close at 5,553.90, amid concerns about the effects of rising interest rates and inflation on; accounting rule. earnings growth.

The barometer of big US companies was off more than 50 points earlier in the session before rebounding some.

Most broader-market measures were lower too, but the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index staged another broad advance and now has risen more than seven percent is less than two weeks.

Compaq Computer became the latest technology stock to dispel widespread fears about sluggishness in the industry with a strong earnings report...

The world's lead personal computer maker said its profit increased 8% and sales jumped 45% during the first quarter.

Rival computer stocks also rose after the Compaq report. On the NYSE, Digital Equipment, which jumped almost 10% Tuesday after reporting that its quarterly earnings rose 68%, and Hewlett Packard, both rose.

On the Nasdaq, Dell Computer and Gateway 2000 advanced sharply.

Analysts attributed some of the blue-chip market's decline to some poor earnings reports, continuing weakness in the bond

market and the dollar's renewed strength against other currencies, which hurts the value of foreign revenues for big multinational companies.

Disney shares fell a day after the company reported a firstquarter loss of \$25m. on lower movie profits and two big onetime expenses - the cost of buying Capital Cities/ABC and a new

Merck, another consumerstock component of the Dow industrials, slid, as did other drug

Bonds edged lower, with longterm interest rates climbing above 6.8, after the Commerce Department reported that orders to US factories for big-ticket durable goods rose 1.4% in March, the first gain in three months.

Although many analysts had expected little change in orders in March, they predict demand will pick up moderately as the year progresses.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a slim margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,168 up, 1,213 down and 759 unchanged.

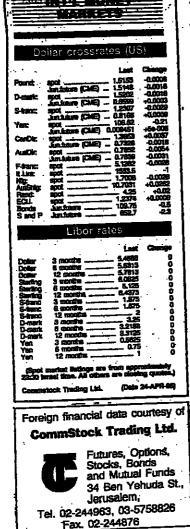
NYSE volume totaled 493.36 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 452.68 million in the previous session.

The NYSE's composite index fell 0.64 to 348.96. The Standard and Poor's 500-stock index fell 1.41 to 650.17.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 8.78 to 1,175.54.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index fell 1.68 to 589.05, ending a sixsession streak of record finishes.

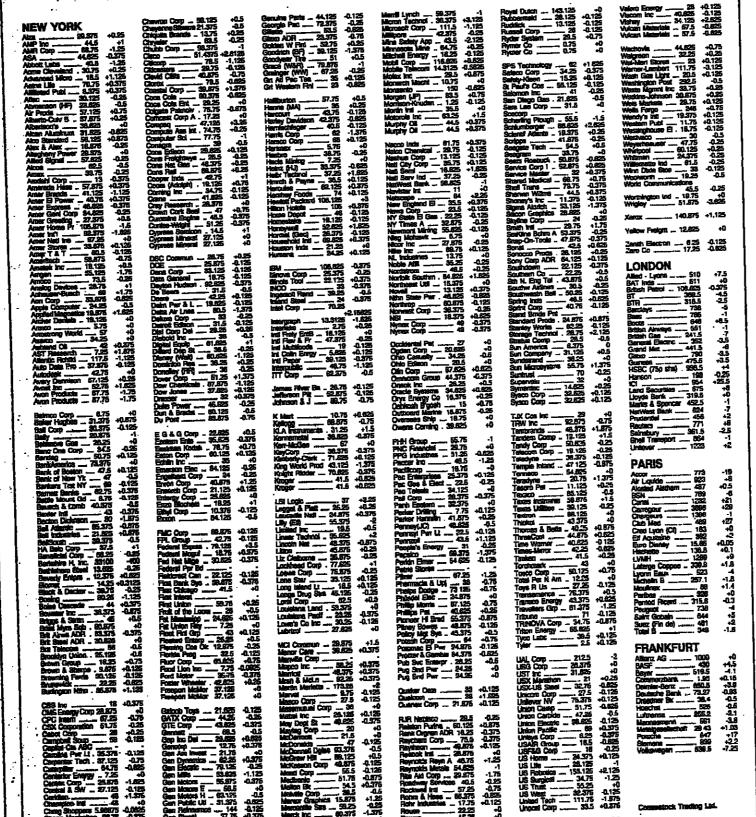
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# Hapoel Jerusalem: State Cup crown no fluke

# Second upper playoff tonight pits Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Bnei Herzliya

CAN lightning strike twice in the same place? That's what Hapoel Jerusalem must be wondering after taking away some of Maccabi Tel Aviv's thunder with its State Cop triumph last

But the big question is whether Jerusalem is good enough to take the "double" and win the league title, which is up for grabs beginning tonight as the first round of the Upper Playoffs onens in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

While Jerusalem could have trouble in its best-of-five matchup against the surprise of the league, Hapoel Galil Elyon, Maccabi should have an easier time with Buei Herzliya, a club which is in serious disarray, especially with the departure this week of foreigner David Thirdkill, who left for America due to reported income tax problems. The following is a preview of what to expect in the two series:

Hapoel Jerusalem vs. Hapoel Galil Elyon A Hollywood script writer couldn't have come up with a better subplot for this series: the master vs. his disciple. Jerusalem coach Pini Gershon was coach of Galil Elyon when Galil's David Blatt was his assistant. Now, Blatt is out to show Gershon just what he learned.

Blatt is also a former Hapoel Jerusalem player, where he played exactly like he coaches, rarely making mental mistakes, and giving 150%

Galil Elyon is much the same: they are extremely well-coached and rarely get out of their game plan. They also are the second-best defensive team in the league. Along with their youthful enthusiasm, they have all the tools necessary to surprise Jerusalem, which was the second best offensive team in the league - but are unlikely to

The main reason is under the basket, where Jerusalem has a tremendous advantage in Norris Coleman and Billy Thompson over Galil big men Andrew Kennedy and Pancho Hodges. Kennedy, a classy player who scored 34 points against Jerusalem in his club's 81-71 loss at Malha, was held to just 10 when the clubs clashed at Kfar Blum (73-65 Jerusalem). For Galil to have any chance, he'll have to be a dominating force underneath. Hodges, while a fine defender, is practically no threat offensively, meaning Jerusalem will be free to double up on Kennedy. Gershon also has a recovering Hubert Roberts along with David Bernsley to throw at the Galil big guys.

Another Galil player who will have to come up big is Gur Shelef, named this season's Most Valuable Player in the Hebrew press. Shelef averaged 16.2 points per game, and with Gil Sela (10.7) will have to shine for Galil for them to ARYEH DEAN COHEN

have a fighting chance.

Gaill also will have trouble containing Jerusalem's backcourt, especially Adi Gordon, who proved against Maccabi Tel Aviv he's the

league's most clutch player. It's doubtful Alon Stein and Mark Craver will be able to stop Gordon and Papi Turgeman, but Galil gives a team effort, and Assaf Dotan and Oren Amiel will also be counted on to step up for Blatt. They'll derive additional inspiration from their fans for working hard recently to visit shelter-bound fans and boost their morale.

PREDICTION: Blatt himself is worth at least one victory for Galil Elyon, but Jerusalem has too much talent to be surprised; Jerusalem, 3-1. Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Bnei Herzliya

Another time, this might have been an intriguing matchup, with Buei Herzliya coach Muli Katzorin going up his former club. However, financial and other problems have taken most of the air out of Herzliya's sails, and the club has been on a downward spiral that shows no signs of stopping.

Thirdkill's departure will hurt the club's defense, although this was not one of his better seasons. Without him, Lior Arditi will get more

playing time, and Arditi is a take-no-prisoners player who'll do anything to win.

Herzliya will also have to get the maximum from Amir Katz (28.2 ppg. 58.2% from threepoint range), which is quite a bit, but Katz will also have to improve his defense.

Another major question is just who will be at the point. Koren Amisha has been a question mark all season, missing four games and scoring just six points a game when he did play. While he can get hot from outside, he's never been much of a playmaker. The other possibility is veteran Ami Nawi, but while Nawi's a gnat on defense, he's not much on offense, averaging iust 2.3 ppg.

Herzliya may have some success inside, especially with John Hudson, who was practically the only bright spot (16.1 ppg, 7.9 rebounds per game) in Herzliya's lackluster season. Ofer Fleischer, Amir Mukhtari and Steve Malovic are also available up front, but none of them stand much of a chance going up against Radisav Curcic and Tom Chambers

Maccabi has other problems, mainly physical ones. Oded Katash's ankle still isn't completely healed from his injury against Jerusalem last week. Brad Leaf, who spells Katash, is mursing a sore toe. Guy Goodes is reportedly expected to play against Herzliya, although he's far from

ready, but with Katash and Leaf hobbling, he could provide a needed respite for both.

The rest of the club is nursing a sore ego after the State Cup defeat, meaning they'll be that much hungrier against Herzliya, and smarting for revenge against Jerusalem. The way to that return match-up- is through Herzliya, but to get there Maccabi will have to fine tune their offense a bit more. Getting the ball in Doron Jamchee's hands more often and setting up shots for him will be important, and everyone on the club particularly Nadav Henefeld -will have to improve his foul shooting.

Still, the inside combination of Chambers and Curcic should easily handle Hudson and Fleischer, as they did in Maccabi's 81-57 rout earlier this year, when Chambers had 23. Katash, meanwhile - if healthy - should have a field day against the Herzliya backcourt.

PREDICTION: The only upside for Katzurin is that anything but a 3-0 Maccabi sweep will be considered an achievement. Sorry, Muli: 3-0

Sports Channel is scheduled to broadcast the Jerusalem-Galil game at 7 pm; Channel 1 is slated to show the Maccabi Tel Aviv-Herzliya at 8:45 pm. Game No. 2 will be played Sunday

# Blackhawks beat Flames in 30T to sweep series

CALGARY (Reuter) - It took triple overtime, but the Chicago Blackhawks became the first team to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs when Joe Murphy's goal with 9:58 to play in the third overtime beat Calgary Flames 2-1 Tuesday.

The Blackhawks, who got a goal from Jeremy Roenick with just nine seconds left in regulation to force overtime, swept the best-of-seven Western Conference series 40.

Chicago goalie Ed Belfour made 55 saves, 26 in the overtime periods, and Calgary's Rick Tabaracci stopped 41 shots.

The game-winner came when Murray Craven picked up a loose puck on the right side of the net and fed Murphy between the circles. Murphy fired a shot, Tabaracci got his right pad on it, but the puck wem into the left side of the

Roenick's goal, with the Flames nine seconds from victory, came after the Blackhawks pulled goaltender Ed Belfour with SO seconds remaining and stormed the Calgary zone.

Blues 5, Toronto 1 Jon Casey came within 2:28 of a shutout and finished with 41 saves and Shayne Corson and Brian Noonan scored two goals apiece as St.

Louis won at home.

Brett Hull got a short-handed tally and Wayne Gretzky had three assists for the Blues, who split the first two games in Toronto before winning the last two games at home. St. Louis can wrap up the series with a victory in Game 5 in Toronto today. Rangers 4, Canadiens 3

Adam Graves scored his fourth and fifth goals of the series and Mark Messier added a goal and an assist as New York held on for a road win. Bruce Driver contributed three assists for the Rangers, who won twice at Montreal after dropping the first two games of the series at home. All four games have been decided by one goal Game 5 is tomorrow in New York.

The Rangers carried a 4-1 lead into the third period, but the Canadiens got goals from Saku Koivu and Pierre Turgeon to close within 4-3.

Mike Richter preserved the lead by stopping Valeri Bure from close range with 2:11 remaining and Mon-treal could not generate any scoring chances after pulling goalic Jocelyn Thibault in the final minute. Flyers 4, Tampa Bay 1
John LeClair scored twice after

missing a game with an ankle injury and Ron Hextall made 21 saves, leading Philadelphia to a road win. The game was played before 28,183, the largest crowd in NHL history. The previous mark of 27,227

also was set in Tampa Bay, in 1993. Red Wings 6, Jets 1 Sergei Fedorov tied a team record with four assists and six different players scored as Detroit rolled over

Igor Larionov, Slava Kozlov, Vla-dimir Konstantinov, Dino Ciccarelli, Greg Johnson and Steve Yzerman tallied for the Red Wings. A Jets' loss tomorrow in Detroit would be their final game played at Winnipeg - the franchise is moving to Phoenix for next season.

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# LA edges Atlanta on Piazza homer

ATLANTA (AP) - Mike Pizzza hit the second pitch from reliever Brad Clontz for a three-run homer in the eighth inning Tuesday, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 3-2 victory over the Braves.

The Dodgers ended a fourgame losing streak, and wound up 2-5 on their week-long road

Atlanta starter Tom Glavine pitched seven scoreless innings, allowing four hits. Fred McGriff's two-run double in the first iming off Chan Ho Park was the only scoring until Piazza homered.

Mets 8, Reds 6 (18) Chris Jones hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning as the Mets won consecutive games for the first time this season.

lones, who entered the game in the eighth inning as a defensive replacement, followed Rey Ordonez's oneout single by hitting a 1-1 pitch from ...
Jeff Shaw (2-2) over the wall in left for his first homer. Jones led the National League with a .400 average as a pinch hitter last season.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Athletics 9, Brewers 6

Scott Brosius hit two home runs and Jason Giambi also homered for host Oakland who had Mark McGwire in the lineup for the first McGwire, sidelined for six weeks

with torn tissue in his right foot, served as the designated hitter, rather than playing his usual first base. He walked twice, was hit by a pitch, flied out and scored a run. White Sox 6, Rangers 5

Harold Baines homered for the second straight game and James Baldwin won for the first time in the majors for visiting Chicago. TÜESDAY'S NL RESULTS:

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### Kings get set for **Kempless Sonics** In Indianapolis, Ricky Pierce SEATTLE (AP) - All-Star

Shawa Kemp is off the Seattle SuperSonics' roster for Game 1 of the opening-round playoff series against Sacramento tomorrow, but the Kings aren't taking it

They've won 64 games and they didn't do that with one playsaid Jerry Reynolds, Sacramento's director of player Dersonnel

Kemp, the team's leading senter and rebounder, was suspended for the first playoff game, and fined \$7,500 for fighting with Denver's Tom Hammonds in the Sonics' regular-season finale.

Nate McMillan or Sam Perkins will take Kemp's place in the starting lineup tomorrow night at

Key Arena.

Kemp everaged 19.6 points A and 11.4 rebounds during the regular season. Seattle has been upset in the first round of the playoffs the last two seasons.

Hammonds was suspended and fined \$7,500 for his part in the fight. Hammonds will miss the first game of next season since his team didn't make the playoffs.

will start in place of injured Reggie Miller today when the Indiana Pacers open their playoff series against the Atlanta Hawks. - Miller, the Pacers' leading

socket on April 13 and is expected to miss most of the first-round series against the Hawks. In the four games after Miller was injured, Haywoode Work-

scorer, fractured his right eye

man started three times and rookie Fred Hoiberg once. In other matters, the Charlotte Hornets fired coach Allan Brislow on Tuesday.

Bristow joins Butch Beard and Breadan Malone who were fired from the New Jersey Ness and Toronto Raptors respectively.

SONA Playoffs First Round (Best of 5)

New York at Cleveland Atlanta at Indiana Houston at LA Lakers Tomorrow: ' Demoit at Orlande : Phoenix at San Antonio Sacramento at Seattle

# UConn's Allen to forgo final year for NBA draft

STORRS, Conn. (AP) - Ray Allen, one of the best college guards in the country, is entering the NBA draft after leading Connecticut to the best record in the school's history.

The 6-foot-5 All-American said Monday he is giving up his final year of eligibility. He is certain to be among the top selections in the June 26

Allen, the Big East player of the Year, said he hasn't yet signed with an agent, but left fittle doubt he won't be coming back. "I'm definitely pushing on." he said.

Allen and Doron Sheffer formed one of the best backcourts in Division I and helped lead Connecticut to a 32-2 record Last season, Allen led UCom in scoring (23.4), 3-point shooting (46.6 percent), and minutes (34.7). He is the school's third leading

career scorer with 1,922 points. "Clearly, he has graduated basketball life," coach Jim Calhoun said.
"He has done everything here a coach could possibly ask."

He said he contemplated coming out after his sophomore year but

knew he wasn't ready. This year was different. Still, the decision was a Allen propelled the Huskies to a Big East regular-season and tournament championship, and two wins in the NCAA tournament

before the season-ending loss to Mississippi State in the round of 16. Allen hit the winning shot in the final seconds of the Big East tournament title game against Georgetown. Under NCAA rules, Allen can make himself available for the draft

and still retain his eligibility as long as he does not sign with an agent. After the draft he could then decide whether to sign with the NBA or

He said he will return to finish his communications degree, an accomplishment "that will make me feel like a complete person."

#### Tyson told: no more strip clubs The purpose of the new restric-

Monday.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Mike Tyson has been ordered to stay. out of bars and strip clubs after a woman claimed the boxer assanited her in Chicago, authorities said.

Tyson has disputed the woman's version of events, in which she said he fondled her and tried to bite her face at a Chicago nighteinb.

Tyson is on probation after serving a prison sentence for raping a woman at an Indianapolis

"In other words, he couldn't figure it out before," Walker said. Probation officials in Ohio and Indiana are awaiting a report

from Chicago police on the incident before deciding whether to take action against the former undisputed heavyweight champion.

tions is to keep Tyson out of po-

tential trouble situations, George

Walker, chief probation officer

for Marion Superior Court, said

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Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

# Canada stunned in World Hockey C'ships

VIENNA (AP) - Germany upset Canada 5-1 yesterday in the World Ice Hockey Championships, only the second win ever for the Germans over Canada in this event and the first since 1987 - also in the Austrian captial.

The victory was Germany's first after two hardfought losses in this four-day old tournament - 2-1 against Russia and 4-2 against the US.

Canada, 20-time winners of this championship, is now 1-1-1 after three games and could be in jeopardy of advancing to the eight-team medal round next

The Canadians still must play Russia and the US both undefeated after two games - in Pool A play, with the top four teams advancing to meet the four qualifiers from Pool B.

The Canadians were burned by fellow Canadians in the form of Canadian-born Germany coach George Kingston - a former NHL and Canada national coach - and Germany's first goal scorer.

Canadian-born Mark Mackay gave Germany - a physical club with 10-naturalized players on the roster that includes several Czechs and Russians - a 1-0 lead after just 29 seconds.

first period when the Germans had a goal called back late in the period for having too many men on the ice.

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#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

#### MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

RENOWNED violinist Gil Shaham and his sister Orly, a superb planist, perform a special recital Saturday (9) at the Wise Auditorium if the Hebrew University in Jerusalem (Givat Ram campus). This is a special memorial concert which opens a conference dedicated to the memory of professor Ya'acov Shaham, who died last year. All proceeds go to a special research fund named after the late physician. His children will play sonatas by Beethoven, Prokofiev and

The chamber music series in Ashdod continues Saturday with Viktor Derevianko and flutist Evgeny Gorzalchik playing music by Schubert, Liszt and Poulenc. 8:30 at the Wizo Center in Ashdod.

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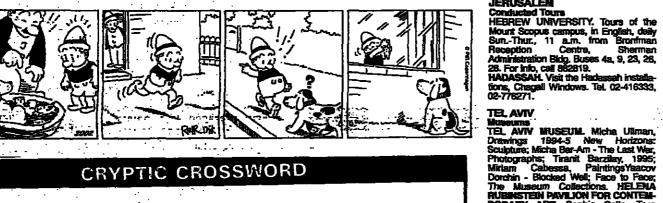
JERUSALEM'S sizzling young dance duo, Adi Sha'al and Noa Wertheim, also known as Vertigo, presents Artus in tandem with the Hungarian duo by the same name. It is a very powerful dance evening which does not leave anyone impartial. Tomorrow (10) at the Khan Theatre in Jerusalem, May 1 and 4 at the Suzanne Dellal Centre in Tel Aviv (9), May 2 in Karmiel, May 3 in Afikim, May 5 in Pardess Hanna and May 8 in Tel Mond (8:30).

The Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company presents Rami Be'er's latest opus, the gripping and extremely well executed Makomshehu Saturday (8:30) at the Jerusalem Theater.

#### TELEVISION

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TCHAIKOVSKY'S Eugene Onegin, one of the most romantic operas in the repertoire, is a touching tale of unrequited love. Now you can enjoy a fabulous production from England's glorious Glyndebourne Festival, directed by Graham Vick and conducted by Andrew Davies in which Wojciech Drabowicz sings the protagonist and the sensational Elena Prokina is Tatyana, whom he initially rejects only to fall in love with later. Louise Winter and Martin Thompson are Olga and Lensky and veteran Yvonne Minton is Larina. Most recommended. Tonight (10) and tomorrow (6) on the Discovery Channel.

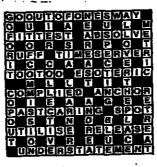


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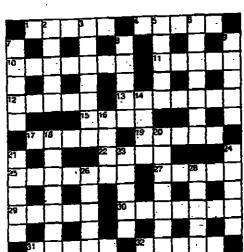
- 1 In favour of those who are healthy receiving a financial reward (6) 4 Gave up and went to bed
- 9 Team who show one by one
- 10 Girl's hair can cause great unhappiness (8)
- 11 Goes around in women's
- clothes (6) 12 River which is no distance from aromatic creeping
- 14 The right names for bad dreams! (10)
- 18 Conventional base for a unit of measurement (6,4) 22 Not happy like Victoria
- 23 A kind of overcoat worn in Ireland (6)
- 24 I shot pal by mistake: he was taken here (8)
- 25 End of an animal: in the
- soup! (6) 26 Recount one perhaps about an anaesthetist (8)
- 27 Chap who took some sort of diet and cut things out (6)
- DOWN
- 1 Request to provide music
- that's nice (8)
- 2 Rents launches (8) 3 Complete agreement that
- one with depression should take it at end of the day (8)
- 5 International organisation had second sight later on article on first lady which was one-sided (10)
- 6 Fancy something might be returned in time (6) 7 Lives after being killed by
- double dagger (6) 8 Wanted to live around this way, so made a home (6)
- 13 Made to include square in
- disguise (10) 15 Bent over backwards to
- find wire in long grass (8)
- 16 Left artist with something to produce his picture (8)
- 17 Surprised when beginning actually came first! (8)
- 19 Drag supplier turns up with lady holding sore
- head (6) 20 Fruit for mother's boy? (6) 21 Even dim sun will
- encourage some to remove their clothes! (6)

# SOLUTIONS



Quick Solution

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DOWN 2 Organisation (5) 3 Sanction (7) 5 Thoughts (5) 6 South London District (7) 7 Duress (5) 8 Type of tree (5)
9 Mixture of rain
and snow (5)
14 Halt (4) 18 Resentment (7) 20 Observes (7) 21 Cake decoration (5) 23 Alternative (5) 24 Gathering of witches (5) 26 Details (5)

28 Maggot (5)

#### didn't turn out quite as expected. Starring John Shea and Kate Capshaw. (102 mins.)00:00 Matlock MIDDLE EAST TV 14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Captain

grams 19:30 News headlines 19:35

Carol and Company - comedy 20:00 The Album Show - music 20:45 Star

Trek 21:30 Murphy Brown 22:00 News in English 22:25 Windy City (1984) - flashback to the last hurrah

for some youthful pals whose lives

Black Jack (1951) – a Mediterranean drug smuggler buys a derelict ship, and all those on board die mysteriousare there...? 9:10 They Simply Said No 9:25 Programs for young children 10:00 Family Relations 10:30 Art ly. Starring George Sanders and Patricia Roc. (88 mins.) 16:30 Dennis 10:55 English 11:20 Literature 11:40 Scientists 12:00 English 12:30 the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables Scientists 12:40 Mathematics in daily of the Green Forest life 12:55 Ballet 13:30 Silly Cat 13:40 17:45 Another Life 18:10 Hawaii Five-Our Friends 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 The Fables of King Babar 14:25 Mrs Peppercorn 14:35 Hedgehog 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gifi 15:00 Autoto O 19:10 The A-Team 20:00 World News Tonight: Arabic 20:30 CNN

#### Headline News 21:00 Evening Shade 21:30 Jake and the Fatman 22:20 Law and Order 23.30 The 700 Club 00:00 Special Program

#### CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33) 16:00 News 16:15 Science and Technology magazine 17:15 Hela and the Dervishes 18:00 NBA 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Inside Stuff 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Telekessef 21:15 Dreyfus - French television produc-tion 23:00 Black Beauty (1994) ~ Remake of classic story of of a horse's trials and tribulations as it passes from one owner to another in 19th-century England. Starring Sean Bean and David Thewlis, (85 mins.) 00:00

#### #ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Sport ~ Baseball 16:30 Invitation to Slalom 17.00 Great Discoveries 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Conversation with Dr. Ish Shalom on 80 years of Rabbi Kook's interpretations of the Torah 18:30 Female Perspective 19:00 Zero Hour (rpt) 19:30 Magazine in Russian 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Preparation for Bagnut - reading comprehension 21:00 Zombit Business 21:30 From Era to Era - eight-part nature and science series 22:00 70 Faces 22:30 Spirited

#### Talk - The Cairo Geniza FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 Cagney and Lacey 9:45 Cagney and Lacey 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 WKRP in Cincinnati 11:25 Rosie O'Neiii 12:10 The Wonder Years 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Faicon Crest 15:45 Melrose Place 16:40 Neighbors 12:10 Winnestee Street Neighbors 17:10 Winnetka Street 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 New York News 21:40 Avalon (1990) -Family sage of immigrants and their assimilation into American ways. With Alden Quinn, Elizabeth Perkins, Armin Mueller-Stahl and Joan Plowright. Directed by Barry Levinson. (126 mins.) 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots Landing 2:10 San Francisco Tales 3:10 Lawyer on Stage 3:55 The Golden Years

#### **MOVIE CHANNEL (4)**

10:30 No Holds Barred (1989) wrestling, action drama (rpt) 12:05 Cinema News 12:15 Drums in the Criteria News 12:15 Drums in the Deep South (1951) (rpt) 13:45 The Pope Must Die (1991) - comedy (rpt) 15:25 Reunion (1989) (rpt) 17:15 Too Young a Hero (1992) (rpt) 18:55 Mosquito Coast (1986) - (rpt) 20:45 Cinema News 21:00 Lightning Jack (1994) - aging cowboy tries to enter Western mythology, and constantly

misses. Starring Paul Hogan, Cuba Gooding Jr.; directed by Simon Wincer. (90 mins.) 22:35 Shopping (1993) a nihilistic British youth spends his life stealing and racing cars and crashing them into store win-dows. Starring Jonathan Price and Marianne Faithfull. Paul Anderson's directorial debut. (105 mins.) 00:25 Friday Night II (1989) - a man has bloody trouble with a neighboring vampine (99 mins.) 2:05 Heart of the Lie (1991) - true-life drama about woman who kills husband's ex-wife (86 mins.) (rpt) 3:35 The Hairdresser's Husband (1992, French) - humorous erotic drama. (78 mins.) (rpt) 5:00

#### CHILDREN (6)

Intimate Terror (1990) (rpt)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 The Chipmunks (rpt) 8:30 Detective Boogie (rpt) 9:05 Alice in Wonderland (rpt) 9:35 Nils Holgerson (rpt) 10:05 Punky Brewster (rpt) 10:35 The Brady Bunch (rpt) 10:55 Saved by the Bell (rpt) 11:35 Encyclopedia (rpt) 12:00 Hugo (rpt) 12:30 Ocean Girl (rpt) 13:00 The Surprise Garden 13:35 Treasure Island 14:00 Professor Iris 14:35 Surprise Garden 13:35 Treasure island 14:00 Professor Iris 14:35 Alice in Worderland 15:05 Nils Holgerson 15:35 Step by Step 16:05 Sweet Valley High (rpt) 16:30 Saved by the Bell 17:05 Who Knows Six? 17:30 Time Surfers — dramatic series 18:15 Sea Child 18:35 Alvin and the Chipmunks 19:00 Detective Boogie (rpt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Simpy Show 21:05 My Big Brother Jack 21:30 Cheers

#### ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 La Discrete (1990, French) - exploration of the meaning of love. A young man tries to demonstrate his control over love so as to make his wife love him - but the opposite results. (90 mins.) 23:35 The Spiral Staircase (1946) - A mysterious killer obsessed with feminine beauty murders women with defects. With Dorothy McGuire, George Brent and Ethel Barrymore. Directed by Robert Siodmak. (80 mins.)

#### ■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Hunters (rpt) 13:00 Journey to the Future (rpt) 13:30 Early Warriors (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 Hunters (rpt) 17:00 Journey to the Future (rpt) 17:30 Early Warriors (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Nature in Canada - spring meeting of the sea lions 20:30 The World Game – on the history of soccer 21:00 Telescope Special – artificial intelligence 21:30 Wild South 22:00 Tchalkovsky's opera Eugene Onegin 00:35 Wonders of Life 1:05 Open University (rpt)

#### **SUPER CHANNEL**

7:00 NBC News with Tom Brokew 7:30 ITN World News 8:00 Today: International Magazine 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:30 Wall Street Morning Reports – live 18:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Adventures 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 NBC News 22:30 TN News 22:30 TN News 21:30 NBC News 22:30 TN News 22:30 TTN News 23:30 News 22:30 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

#### STAR PLUS

:6:00 Aerobics 6:30 The Adist and the Professor 7:00 Beverly Hilbillies 7:30 Ciao Italia 8:00 El TV 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Ciao Italia 13:30 El TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 14:30 The New Adventures of Lassie 15:00 The Black Stallion 15:30 Batman 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Entertainment Tonight 17:00 M\*A\*S\*H 17:30 21

Jump Street 18:30 The X Files 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Hard Copy 21:30 Beverly Hills 90210 22:30 Fall Guy 23:30 Entertainment Tonight 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hard Copy 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

#### **ECHANNEL 5**

6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 NBA Basketball—summary of regular season 18:15 Name of the Game 18:45 Opening of Coca-Cola League Playoffs, at Hapoel Jerusalem home stadium 21:00 WWF Wrestling 22:00 Dutch Soccer League 23:00 Spanish Soccer League 00:30 Boxing

#### **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Show Jumping – World Cup (rpt) 10:30 Leisure Sport Magazine 11:00 Motorcycle Magazine 11:30 Tennis: ATP Tournament – live from Monte Carlo 18:30 Olympic Magazine 19:00 ice Hockey World Cup: France vs Finland – live 19:30 ice Hockey World Cup: Slovakia vs Austria - live 21:00 lce Hockey World Cup: US vs Russia live 00:30 Professional Wrestling 1:30 Formula 1: Car Racing 2:00 Motorcycle Magazine

#### **PRIME SPORTS**

6:00 Cricket (rpt) 10:30 Chinese Soccer League 11:00 American Football 11:30 Futbol Mondial 12:00 Golf: summary of European round 13:00 Marathon 14:00 Golf: Omega Tournament 15:00 Golf: PGA Senior Tournament 15:00 German Socor Tournament 17:00 German Socor 17:30 Thai Boxing 18:30 Boxing 20:30 Thai Boxing 21:30 Futbol Mondial 22:00 Motorcycle Racing 00:30 Chinese Soccer League

#### BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 Rough Guide to the Americas (rpt) 10:05 The Big Trip (rpt) 11:30 The Clothes Show (rpt) 12:30 Top Gear 15:05 Horizon (rpt) 16:15 World Business Report 16:30 Asia & Pacific News 17:30 Time Out: Far Eastern Cookery 18:05 Rough Guide to the Americas (rpt) 19:30 One Foot in the Past (rpt) 22:05 Correspondent (rpt) 23:30 Time Out: Tornerrow's World 00:00 World News Tomorrow's World 00:00 World News and Business Report

#### RADIO

#### WYOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Bach: Orchestral Suite no 2 (Berfin Acad of Ancient Music); Debussy: Children's Corner (Lympany); Smetana: Piano trio op 15 (Guarneri Trio); Verdi: excerpts from Don Carlos (solois/Met Opera and orch/Levine); Brursloper, Symphony no 9, Menga (stokas) Met Opera and Octylevine); Bruckner: Symphony no 9 (Vienna PO/Bernstein) 12:06 Noon with Gideon Hod — familiar music and quiz 14:06 Encore 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Bach: 6 Chorales and Choral Preludes (Koopman/Amsterdam Baroque); Beethoven: Sonata no 9 in A for violin and piano op 47 "Kreutzer"; Brahms: 2 and piano op 47 "Kreutzer"; Brahms: 2 Motets for 4 and 6 voices op 74 (Corydon Singers); Dvorak: String quintet in G op 77; Granados: 3 Songs (Price, Lockhart) 18:00 New COs — works by Icelandic composer Jon Leiss (1899-1968) (Icelandic Opera Choir and SO); Borodin: Symphony no 2 20:05 From the Recording Studio - Binyamin Ravitz (piano). Brahms: Theme and Variations; Castelnuovo-Tedesco: King David's Dance Jewish mapsody on traditional themes; Bizet: Noctume no 1; Poulenc: Les Soirées de Nazelles 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 From the Record Shelf

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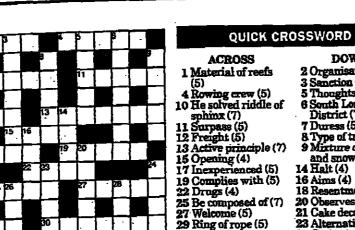
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# Swiss promise to return Holocaust survivors' assets

THE Swiss Bankers Association, facing an official inquiry regarding what became of Jewish assets from the Holocaust era deposited in Swiss banks, told a US Senate committee on Tuesday that the bankers are dedicated to resolving . the questions about the dormant Jewish accounts. "Let me assure you that, at the end of the day, not one penny that could have belonged to victims of the Holocaust will be held by Swiss banks," said Hans Baer, chairman of Bank Julius Baer and a member of the executive board of the Swiss Bankers Association.

The bankers are "committed to resolving all outstanding questions about these accounts in a sensitive, equitable, open, accurate, and professional manner." said Baer, a Swiss Jew whose family had fled to the US during the war, fearing the Nazis would overrun Switzerland.

The Swiss association, which has 405 member banks, said that as of January 31 it had identified about \$32 million in 775 dormant accounts in 36 banks. The amount, and the methods for determining it, has long been disputed by Jewish groups.
It "defies credibility," said

Edgar Bronfman, head of the World Jewish Restitution Organization. The amount, he told the committee, may be closer to "several billion."

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more cathartic than climactic. For months there has been a spate of publicity about the Swiss banks, with what often seemed like daily revelations of, at best, miscalculation, or at worst, maifeasance.

Much of the publicity comes from newly unearthed archival or US intelligence documents. One item, for example, showed that in 1946 one Swiss financial institution alone had deposits currently worth \$29 million from primarily Jewish sources. Another suggests that two of Switzerland's top banks - Credit Suisse and Union Bank of Switzerland - continued doing business with the Nazis after Swiss banking rules barred

such dealings.

The lewish charges that the Swiss banks are holding more in assets than they claim are not new, nor was Baer's announcement that an independent commission will be authorized to make a final determination regarding the assets of Holocaust victims.

However, observers were pleased that the US expressed its commitment to press Switzerland for a full accounting of the funds and to ensure that survivors recover their money. Where heirs cannot be found, said Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, the US will try to

in the fairest way possible to benefit those who suffered the most during World War II."

"It isn't enough for the Swiss banks to say they only have \$32 million available to settle this dispute and not provide an accounting," said Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York, the committee chairman. "There is more. There has to be."

Six Swiss banks function in the US, employing 6,000 people, and they paid more than \$100 million in US taxes in 1994, Baer told the committee.

This is the second review of Swiss accounts in more than 30 years. In 1962, the Swiss banks determined that they held 9.5 million Swiss francs belonging to victims of Nazi persecution, which by 1973 was returned to heirs and given to a domestic refugee-aid organization and the

Jewish community.
"On the one hand, we are being asked to explain why there are any assets left at all." Baer said, referring to the 1962 determination, "and on the other hand, we are being asked why there are so little assets left."

Seen in context, he said, the amount is neither small nor sur-

Although the amount will change as the banks refine their figures. Baer said, "it is highly unlikely that they will dramatical-.



The Jember family, enjoying a picnic at Park Ayalon, were among the half a million people who flocked to Jewish National Fund forest sites to celebrate Independence Day despite the chilly weather yesterday.

# \$20m. Holocaust exhibit planned

**DOUGLAS DAVIS** 

PLANS for an ambitious \$20 million permanent Holocaust exhibition were unveiled at the Imperial War Museum in London on

Work will start next year on the construction of a special twostory wing, forming an extension to the existing galleries. The exhibition will open in late 1999. It will cover some 1,400 square meters and will include documents, artifacts, posters, cartoons, paintings, pamphlets and newspa-

There are also plans to construct

an education center for pupils, who now study the Holocaust as part of the national history syl-

Museum director-general Robert Crawford said the Holocaust was not part of the permanent exhibit until now because there was no space.

Eight members of the staff are now dedicated to working on the project full time, while Crawford and other senior members of the museum staff will visit Yad Vashem next month to consult with their Israeli counterparts.

# Elba out of jail

1995 of incitement to racism for a halachic pamphlet he authored, has been released from jail after serving more than two thirds of

Last Thursday, Tel Aviv District Court ruled against the state, which wanted Elba's parole denied, and ordered his release. Elba's release was held up until Monday, to give the state an opportunity - which it decided not to use - to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

In addition to incitement to racism, Elba was also convicted

police investigation.

The incitement to racism charge stemmed from the pamphlet, entitied "Clarification of the halachot pertaining to the murder of gentiles," which was written shortly after Baruch Goldstein killed 29 Moslems in the Machpela Cave in

The pamphlet, which included a comment that said it was "for study, not for practice," stated that the Biblical injunction, Thou shall not murder, does not pertain

# Debate over Swiss fund distribution has already begun

ensure that funds "are distributed

ALTHOUGH a conclusion regarding claims that Swiss banks hold millions of dollars worth of Holocaust victims' assets has not been reached, there already are suggestions about the fate of these

Hans Baer, representing the Swiss Bankers Association at hearings of the US Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday. said heirless Jewish funds would be donated to charitable groups selected by an independent com-

If heirless assets are identified. "we should consider distributing these funds to Holocaust survivors in Central and Eastern Europe," said Stuart Eizenstat, who is US Undersecretary of Commerce and the State Department's special envoy for property claims in Central and Eastern Europe.

haps prototypes can be gleaned from earlier restitution systems."

There is a precedent - dating back three decades - for distributing Jewish funds recovered from Swiss banks.

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In 1962, after searching records, Swiss banks determined they held more than 9 million Swiss francs, then valued at \$2 million, that was likely to be of Jewish origin.

That conclusion has been challenged recently as woefully incomplete, but the history of that money illuminates how unclaimed funds are allocated in the absence of heirs. Of the 9.5 million Swiss francs.

7.7 million was distributed to heirs in a slow process that lasted from 1963 to 1973, according to

In 1967, the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee laid claim to the heirless Jewish assets. They appealed in tandem to the local Jewish community to help ensure that Swiss authorities owd transmit the remi funds to the two agencies.

According to a letter from Eran Laor, then the agency's representative in Europe, and Charles Jordan, the JDC's director general at the time, the funds should go to

"the two major Jewish organizations whose mission, recognized at the international level, is to provide victims of Nazi persecutions with help, rehabilitation, and resettlement," namely the Jewish Agency and the JDC.

"We know that the Israeli government would be in full agree-ment with this procedure," Laor and Jordan wrote in their letter, dated May 3, 1967, to George Brunschvig, president of the Swiss Federation of Israeli

In 1976, when the rest of the money was distributed, one-third went to a Swiss refugee-aid office. The remaining two-thirds, or 1.56m. Swiss francs, was handed over to the Swiss Jewish community to allocate. The Jewish Agency got two-thirds and the IDC got one-third, documents

the pattern of two-thirds for th agency and one-third for the JDC became the traditional split for war-related assets that were turned over to the Jews, based on a 1946 confidential agreement between the Jewish Agency and the JDC.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Construction worker severely injured A Romanian worker suffered severe injuries when a beam fell on

him at a construction site in Lod on Tuesday. The beam hit him in the head and chest inside a synagogue being built in the town. Magen David Adom crews arrived and transferred him to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. Police are investigating the incident. Itim

Tel Aviv woman indicted for murder Ella Meliak, 25, was indicted in Tel Aviv District Court Tuesday for the murder of her live-in lover, Victoria Yevgenia, in their Tel Aviv.

The prosecution said Meliak stabbed Yevgenia in the neck after the two had begun an argument while drunk. Several knives with blood were found in the apartment, the indictment said. The court appointed a Russian-speaking lawyer for the defendant:

Yehud man indicted for killing wife

The Tel Aviv Regional Court indicted 27-year-old Yehud resident Alexander Eliaviv on Tuesday for allegedly strangling his wife Julia to death after she told him she had been seeing other men and asked for a divorce. The court extended his remand.

According to the indictment, Eliaviv waited until his wife left their home on March 26, went to get a bouquet of flowers to give her for her birthday, and waited for her to return. He then took her out to dinner and, after she fell asleep that night, strangled her. Itim

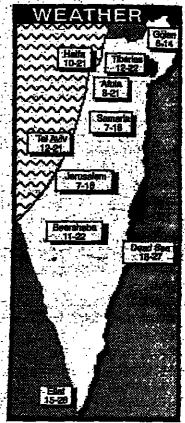
#### Peres, Netanyahu to debate week before election

THE two candidates for prime minister. Shimon Peres and Binyamin Netanyahn, are to take part in a televised debate about one week before the election, Labor party campaign head Haim

Ramon said this week,
-Labor rejected Likud's demand
for a series of debates between Peres and Netanyahu. Ramon told his Likud counterpart, Limor Livnat, that Labor will continue the one debate format begun in 1977. Ramon said he and Livnat had agreed on this issue in princi-

The 30-minute debate, which will be moderated by a senior journalist both parties agree on will be broadcast on both television channels, although not at the same time.

The debate time will be at the expense of both parties' campaign broadcasts. Michal Yudelman



st: Partly cloudy.

AROUND THE WORLD



#### Winning cards

in Tuesday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 7 of spades, Q of hearts, K of diamonds, and 7 of clubs in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the J of spades, 9 of hearts, 10 of diamonds, and Q of

#### Sharansky wants Russian, Amharic ballots

LIAT COLLINS

THE Yisrael Ba'aliya Party asked the Central Election Committee yesterday to ensure that all election material, including ballot slips, be translated into Russian and Amharic to help new immigrants.

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If the proposal is accepted it will be the first time the ballots include a language other than Hebrew and Arabic.

"It is the right of all citizens to determine the fate of their country," party leader Natan Sharansky said. "The current electoral system, in effect, denies this right to thousands of eligible voters because they cannot receive detailed campaign material in their own language. This is particularly true in the case of the double election process, which is hard for even veteranc to understand."

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Sharansky said some 500,000 people arrived in the recent waves of mass immigration, the majority of whom do not read Hebrew well.



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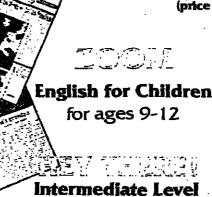
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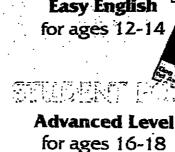
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